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You Need to Stand Up and Be Vocal, Because

If you DON'T want the U District...

- to be built up before there is infrastructure to support it;
- to say goodbye to great small restaurants and businesses;
- to be turned into a mini-down town of massive sky scraping buildings (24 stories south of NE 50th, 32 stories below 47th.)
- to see heights raised on the Ave (to 85 ft after the City promised small businesses there wouldn't be a change);
- to be overwhelmed with more traffic and less parking;
- to see affordable housing demolished without replacement for market rate units;
- to be deficient of parks and open space for the population we currently have, much less greater numbers;
- to be a place where our homeless neighbors struggle to survive on U District streets;
- to be less livable and less diverse, with today’s residents forced out by institutional and corporate enterprises.

And, Instead
If you WANT FIRST THINGS FIRST, Demand:

- Affordable living for people of all ages and backgrounds. (Despite upzone proponents’ unsupported claims, Upzoning the U District will displace more affordable housing than it could possibly replace. HALA and the Mayor’s “Grand Bargain” are being used as eleventh-hour excuses to justify this flawed upzone plan.)

- One-for-one replacement to keep affordable housing here, in the U District, and not somewhere else!

- That a credible Displacement Risk Analysis be done prior to up-zoning to ensure that the affordable housing created is greater than the current supply.

- That Developers pay their fair share with Impact Fees for new, needed infrastructure instead of taxpayers shouldering the burden for roads, parks, open spaces, schools, public safety and other public services.

- A plan to preserve and support the small local businesses that are key to the U District's unique character.

- Effective social services to meet the needs of our ever growing homeless population.
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- A comprehensive traffic and parking mitigation plan drawing from the expertise of residents to mitigate enormous levels of congestion affecting the University District.
- A comprehensive historic preservation plan with real teeth to preserve dozens of identified historic structures now at risk of being lost to redevelopment.
- A commitment to preserve our mature trees and landscaping for their beauty and environmental benefits.
- A comprehensive plan to increase, improve and maintain parks and open space in the neighborhood accompanied by a real commitment of city funds to make the plan a reality.
- Prioritize energy considerations in zoning and the design of buildings to truly mitigate climate change. (Seattle’s own data shows that high-rise multi-family building currently consume 45% more energy per square foot than mid-rise multi-family and 64% more than low-rise multi-family.)
- Respect for the needs and input from the community already living and working here, who are the heart and soul of the U District.
- That the City reject plans to Upzone the U District until it first addresses existing livability concerns.

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"I endorse Livable U District"