

July 24, 2018

The Honorable Bruce A. Harrell President, Seattle City Council Seattle City Hall, 2nd Floor Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Council President Harrell:

I am transmitting a resolution that approves the design for improvements to Victor Steinbrueck Park that were funded by the 2008 Parks and Green Spaces Levy. This improvement project is confined by language of that levy and fulfills requirements passed by the City Council in 2008 and restated in Resolution 31558, which Council adopted in 2014.

The project was initiated to address safety concerns and the design guidelines are established by the Pike Place Historic Commission. This resolution builds on prior efforts to address public safety issues around the park and does not change any of the historic elements of the park.

I understand there is an ongoing conversation about the two totem poles on the western edge of the park. This resolution does not address or take a position on the totem poles in any way. The City will continue to work with our partners in Native Communities to best address concerns about the totem poles.

These improvements to Victor Steinbrueck Park are part of our ongoing work to make our Waterfront and surrounding safe, fun, and dynamic for locals and tourists alike.

Sincerely,

Jenny A. Durkan