# **Planning in Uptown**

#### Planning Land Use and Zoning Committee September 11, 2017







#### Uptown Planning Process FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE









#### Why consider a rezone?

- Affordable Housing
- Arts & Culture
- Strong Connections with Seattle Center
- Vibrant pedestrian environment
- Preservation of character buildings and landmarks
- Development standards that shape future growth
- Views



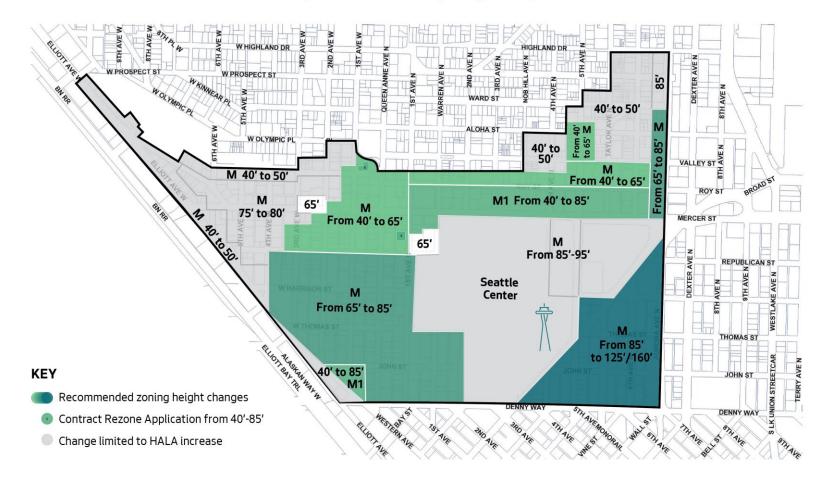
#### **Heights in Uptown**

#### Uptown Preliminary Height Map

Greatest heights adjacent to South Lake Union and Downtown.

Transition toward toe of Queen Anne Hill

MHA increase only in Multi Family zones and most commercial zones.



### **Development Standards**

- Height
- Floor Area Ratio (FAR), FAR Exemptions, FAR Incentives
- Upper Level Setbacks
- Open Space



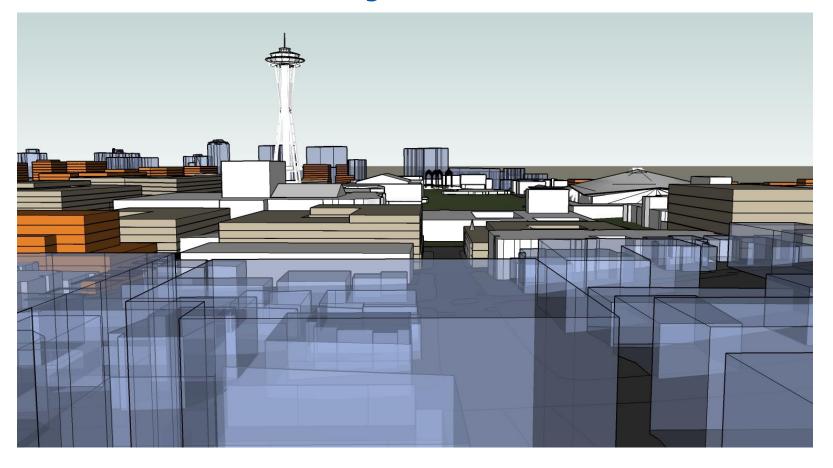
#### Heart of Uptown 65







#### Mercer/Roy Corridor – 85 feet







### **Uptown Triangle**







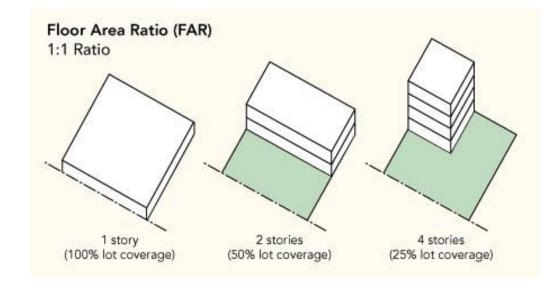
#### **Floor Area Ratio**

Every height increase receives and FAR increase.

FAR recommendations to enourage creative massing and encourage uses.

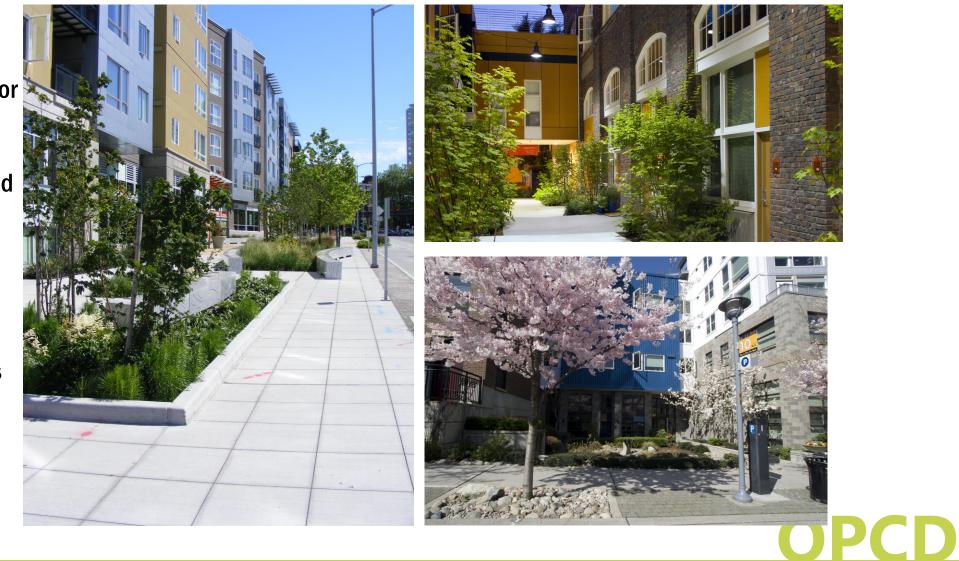
#### Methods to earn additional FAR:

- Arts Facilities Exemption and increase
- Landmarks Exemption
- Street Level Uses Exemption



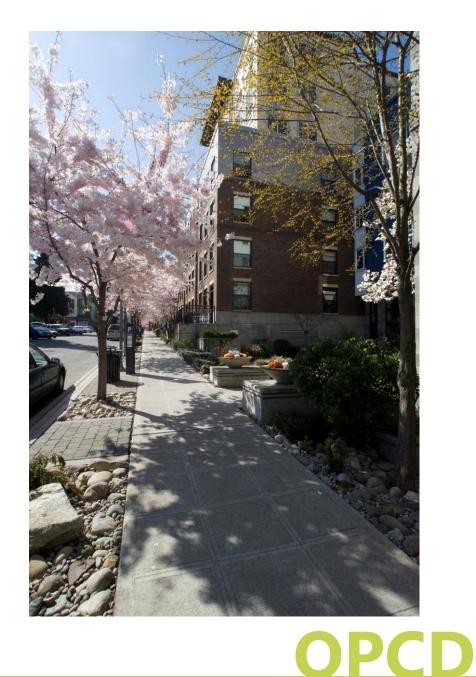
## **Open Space**

- Mid-block connections.
- Ground level open space for large sites.
- Commercial open pace and residential amenity requirements.
- Green street incentives
- Green factor requirements



## **Upper Level Setbacks**

- Preserve view corridors
- Control building mass
- Enhance solar exposure



### Active Street Frontages

- Transparency requirements
- Façade width limits
- Active use Requirements







## **MHA in Uptown**



- MHA requirements: "High Area"
  - -Residential: 7-10% of units or \$20.75-\$29.75 ft<sup>2</sup>
  - -Commercial: 5-10% of units or \$8.00-\$29.75 ft<sup>2</sup>
- Uptown participation in MHA will help produce an estimated 600 affordable homes in next 20 years
- MHA investments based on adopted criteria:
  - Affirmatively furthering fair housing choice
  - Locating in urban centers and villages, and near transit
  - Promoting economic opportunity and addressing displacement
  - Locating near developments that generate cash contributions

