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Wall et al. v. City of Seattle, et al

Order Granting Petitioners' Motion for Reconsideration and Amending the Order of Remand at para 1 provides (with emphasis added):

"Pursuant to RCW 36.70C.140, the contract rezone approval and Property Use and Development Agreement are hereby remanded to the City Council to address compliance with SMC 23.34.009.D.2, which requires that '[a] gradual transition in height and scale and level of activity between zones shall be provided unless major physical buffers, as described in subsection [23.34.008.E.2], are present,' in the area where the commercial Lot 287710-4100 shares a rear boundary line with the single family residential Lot 287710-4120 at 7010 Palatine Avenue North."

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Seattle Municipal Code, excerpts

SMC 23.45.009.D.2

- D. Compatibility with surrounding area
- 1. Height limits for an area shall be compatible with actual and zoned heights in surrounding areas...
- 2. <u>A gradual transition</u> in height and scale and level of activity <u>between zones</u> shall be provided unless <u>major physical buffers</u>, as described in subsection 23.34.008.E.2, are present.

SMC 23.34.008.E.2

Zoning Principles. The following zoning principles shall be considered:

- 1. The <u>impact of more intensive zones on less intensive zones</u> or industrial and commercial zones on other zones <u>shall be minimized</u> by the use of transitions or buffers, if possible. ...
- 2. Physical buffers may provide an effective separation between different uses and intensities of development. The following elements may be considered as buffers:
- a. Natural features such as topographic breaks, lakes, rivers, streams, ravines and shorelines;
- b. Freeways, expressways, other major traffic arterials, and railroad tracks;
- c. Distinct change in street layout and block orientation;
- d. Open space and greenspaces

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SMC 23.84A.028:

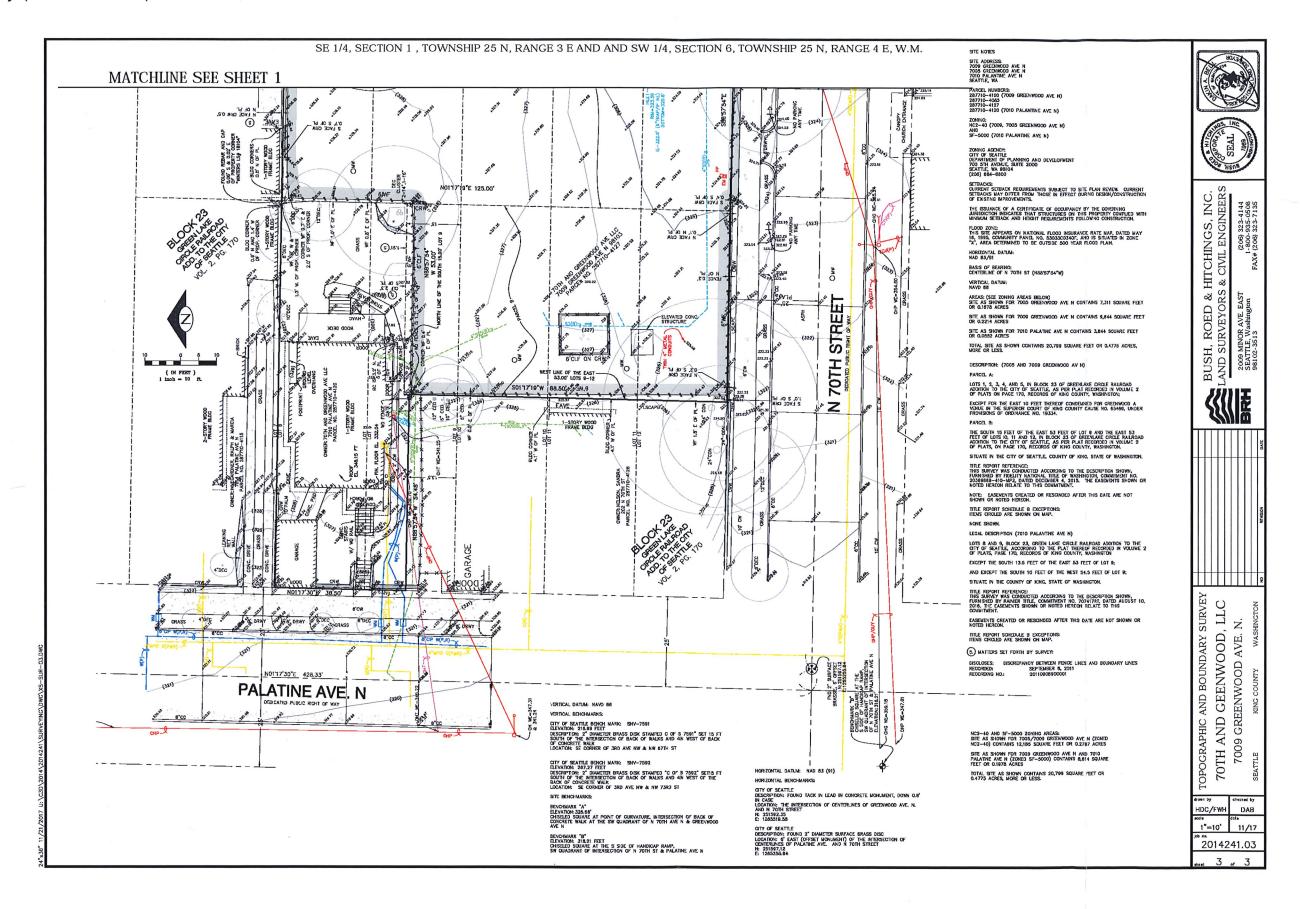
"Open Space" is defined as "land and/or water area with its surface predominantly open to the sky or <u>predominantly undeveloped</u>, that is set aside <u>to serve the purposes</u> of providing <u>park</u> and <u>recreation opportunities</u>, <u>conserving valuable natural resources</u>, or structuring urban development and form." (Emphasis added.)

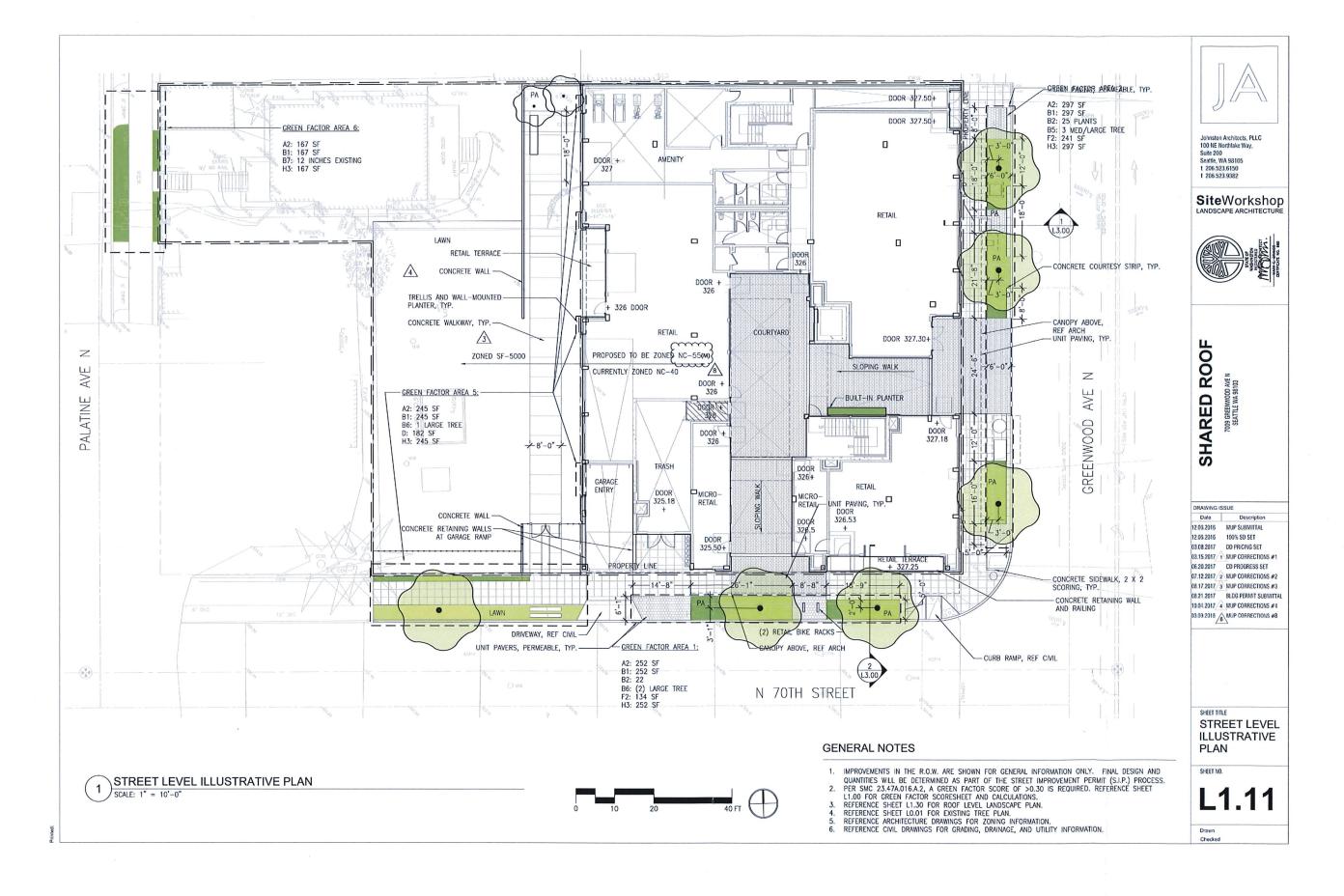
No transition between 5 story building and Single Family zone.
Also does not comply with setbacks required by SMC 23.47A.014.B.3., and B.5. Ó Octobrio de la constitución de l Micro-Retail Trosh **Zoning Line** Carage SF-5000 Vacant SF Lot # 287710-4127 Separate SELOT第287710-4120 7010 Palatine Ave. N. Separate zone. Violates SMC 23.42.030 Walkway in SF zone used to access commercial commercial use in 11 - T . Valatine Kvē. U. "Private open space" cited by Examiner is <u>in</u> Single Family zone not <u>between</u> zones as required. ₹0005 SF Examiner's Fatal Flaw:
The Examiner counted the vacant lot <u>within</u> the Single Family zone (characterized as "private open space") as the buffer required <u>between</u> zones. gradual transition in height and scale and level of activity between zones shall be provided unless major physical buffers... are provided." See Conc. #7 at p8: "A gradual transition between zoning categories would occur between the mid-portion of the project and the SF 5000 zoned properties to the west, as a private open space area will be landscaped to provide some separation between the single family zone." Mandatory Rezone **Criteria:** SMC 23.34.009.D.2 -

Appellant's Illustrative Exhibit for PLUZ Committee Hearing July 18,2018

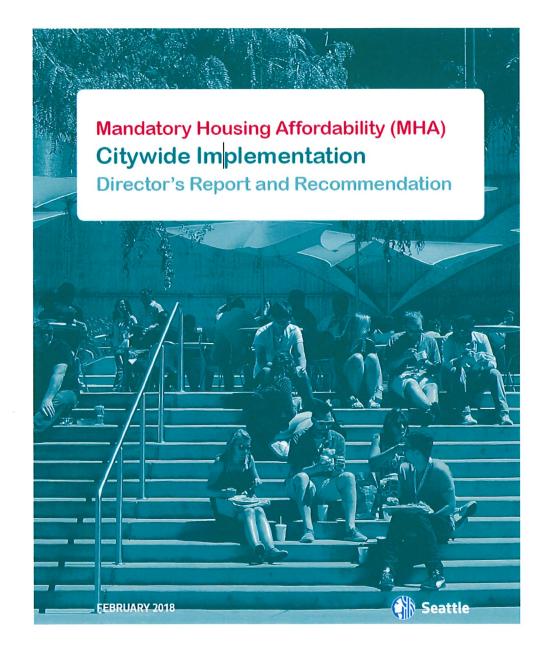
(Based on Applicant's Architectural Concept Drawing Included in Council Central Staff Presentation for July 18, 2018 Meeting)







SDCI Report on MHA Implementation, Feb. 2018





New upper-level setback standards are proposed to ensure gentle transitions between commercial and single family zones.

Upper-Level Setbacks Abutting Single Family Zones

A new standard is proposed that increases existing upper level setbacks on lots that abut or are across an alley from a single-family zone. Under existing code, new structures must be setback 15 feet above 13 feet in height. For any portion of the new structure above 40 feet in height, an additional setback of three feet for every 10 feet of height is proposed, an increase from 2 feet per 10 feet of height in the current code. The standard will preserve more light into adjacent property when NC zones with height limits 55 feet and above abut single-family zones — a common edge condition behind arterial roadways such as Phinney Ave N or California Ave SW.

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West Elevation of 7009 Greenwood (Bates 000829)



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