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Via Email (Rob.Saka@seattle.gov)

Councilmember Rob Saka
Seattle City Council
600 4th Ave. 2nd Floor
Seattle, Washington 98104

Re: *Modifying Grant of Approval for Alley Vacation in Block 95 for Swedish Health Services (CF 314304, CF 314477)*

Dear Councilmember Saka:

Swedish Health Services (“Swedish”) manages the Swedish First Hill campus in Seattle. Swedish seeks to modify the City’s grant of approval for the petition to vacate the alley in Block 95, Terry’s Second Addition, within City Council District 3, in the block bounded by Boren Avenue, Cherry Street, Minor Avenue, and Columbia Street (“Block 95”). The alley vacation approval was originally approved in Clerk File 314304, and then extended in Clerk File 314477.

Swedish is constructing a \$1.4 billion new hospital across the street from Block 95. The original Medical Office Building and loading facility planned for the Block 95 site has been deferred. However, the First Hill community and Swedish desire to build the public improvements tied to the alley vacation in Block 95. The proposed modifications to the City’s grant of conceptual approval to vacate the alley in Block 95 will allow Swedish to construct those public improvements and to obtain title to the Block 95 alley land, before completing the now deferred Block 95 project. To achieve those goals, we enclose a proposed revised grant of conceptual approval for your review.

Please let us know if any additional information would be helpful in pursuing this modification. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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