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Seattle City Council

Planning, Land Use and Sustainability Committee

C/O Seattle City Clerk

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RESPONSE TO RESPONSE BRIEF

In the matter of the application of

SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER CHERRY HILL

CF 311936

for approval of a Major Institution Master Plan

In response to the response brief submitted by Swedish Medical Center, Cherry Hill (institution) the members of the Cherry Hill Community Council (this encompasses the neighborhood directly north of the Swedish Cherry Hill Campus) believe the institution is incorrect in its assertion that Seattle City Hearing Examiner Sue Tanner was correct in her September 10, 2015 issued Findings and Recommendations in the above matter.

In the institution's response brief they state the TMP is appropriate and compliant with the Seattle Municipal Code. That may be the case but the institution HAS NEVER met its existing TMP goals so there is no evidence to suggest that just because the proposed TMP is appropriate and compliant with the SMC that it will actually be successful. Rosy projections for public transportation ridership have been notoriously incorrect throughout the city and so based on the realities of human behavior there's no reason to believe that the proposed TMP will succeed.

The institution states that there is substantial evidence supporting Swedish's stated need. However there is no way to validate their evidence. The CAC and members of the community consistently asked for information on the measures used to calculate need but the institution stonewalled and never shared their data with the community. There is no reason to believe their projections of need. The conclusion is flawed because it is based on the assumption that all the services located on the Swedish Cherry Hill Campus are related to cardiovascular or neuroscience services. The conclusion also ignores the vacancy at both the First Hill and Cherry Hill Campuses and whether the significant vacancy can accommodate the services with remodeling. And finally, the conclusion ignores that the cardiovascular services are in the process of being relocated to the First Hill Campus (staff have been given notice of the move) to

make way for Cherry Hill remodeling, so relocating Swedish's facilities is not a stretch for consideration; and

The eye clinic, the kidney center, orthopedic services, the Seattle Science Foundation, speech therapy services, and sports medicine services are some of (but not limited to) the services located on the Campus that have nothing to do with cardiovascular or neuroscience services.

The Major Institution claims it is no longer a general hospital; therefore, it has not made its case for need.

The proposed public benefits were rejected as such by a survey of the community. The community does not consider them substantial and they do nothing to mitigate the huge impacts the proposed development will have on the community.

Sabey still owns/operates the non-conforming facility at 701 16th Ave (formerly occupied by Spencer Technologies) in violation of major institution use code where facilities within one mile of the outside of the major institution are not allowed. The current zone for this site is for LR-3, multifamily residential use. In light of this it is a bit disingenuous of the institution to state that they have taken boundary expansion off the table.

Neighbors participated in a vigorous and lengthy CAC process that included extensive discussion and comments from all parties. The members of the CAC worked diligently in crafting their recommendations to balance the needs of the institution and the needs of the surrounding community. Unfortunately many of their recommendations that have significant impacts on the

community including those related to height, bulk and scale were ignored. We ask that you accept the recommendations of the CAC rather than those of the Hearing Examiner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Pat Rivera".

Cherry Hill Community Council