



July 28, 2010

The Honorable Sally Clark  
Seattle City Council  
PO Box 34025  
Seattle, WA 98124-4025

Ref: Mixed Use Zoning proposal for the area currently zoned Industrial-Commercial in South Lake Union.

Dear Councilmember Clark:

As steward of the South Lake Union Neighborhood Plan, the South Lake Union Community Council (SLUCC) supports the proposal to adopt Mixed Use zoning for the area in South Lake Union currently zoned Industrial Commercial (IC). Such action would be consistent with the neighborhood plan and furthers the SLUCC's vision for the area.

Adopting this zoning change as soon as possible makes sense for many reasons, not the least of which is that state law requires alignment between Comprehensive Plans and zoning. Since the City amended its Comprehensive Plan in 2008 to allow for mixed uses including residential, the timing for adopting the follow-on zoning is past due.

As a designated Urban Center, South Lake Union has been determined as one of the areas of the city to accept greater density. Availability of housing within the city and within Urban Centers continues to be important. The innovative Seattle Mixed zoning was created for application to our neighborhood because of our strong vision for mixed uses of commercial, residential and industrial all within the same area as a part of maintaining a tie to our past and embracing our future as an eclectic, vibrant neighborhood. Continuing to exclude the option of building residential in this area is inconsistent with the direction of this evolving neighborhood.

We know an EIS is currently underway that will evaluate potential height and density increases for all of South Lake Union. However, the proposal you are considering is solely to allow for residential in the area currently designated IC and not for increased height or density. Any increases in height or density within the area currently zoned IC is being considered as part of the EIS and subsequent rezone process.

We encourage the Council to promptly move forward in adopting this proposal as another step in moving us closer to achieving our goal for a vibrant and diverse South Lake Union. Further, we ask the Council to stay focused on completing the EIS and rezone process in a timely manner, as our neighborhood is experiencing significant change and having decisions made as to future height and density will allow more cohesive decision-making going forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jerry Dinndorf".

Jerry Dinndorf  
President South Lake Union Community Council, (SLUCC)

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