

AURORA LICTON URBAN VILLAGE

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Councilmember Deborah Juarez, District 5
Councilmember Rob Johnson, District 4
City of Seattle
600 Fourth Avenue, 2nd Floor
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SUBJECT: ALUV - Planning and Land Use

Councilmember Juarez and Councilmember Johnson:

In July 2018, Geoffrey Wentlandt, Sr. Planning Manager with the Office of Planning and Community Development (OPCD), kindly attended ALUV's monthly meeting. Geoffrey provided updates on several issues such as the timing of MHA/HALA implementation and the ALUV interim controls renewal.

As follow up to Geoffrey's update, ALUV is providing the following thoughts on certain planning and land use related issues we are tracking closely.

- Interim Controls Renewal (Ordinance #125425) - Geoffrey mentioned that the City Council's MHA/HALA vote won't occur this year, and is now likely to take place in early 2019. The interim controls passed last year on certain commercial development within the Aurora Licton Urban Village was for a one year period and expires in October 2018. ALUV supports renewal of the interim controls and respectfully requests that this renewal happen. Should a public hearing on the extension of the interim controls be required, please let us know. ALUV obviously would provide testimony as part of the public hearing process in favor of the renewal.
- Neighborhood Design Guidelines - As suggested by Councilmember Johnson at an July 2016 ALUV meeting, ALUV went "rogue" and drafted our own neighborhood design guidelines. These neighborhood design guidelines were presented to Geoffrey at our July 2018 meeting. The draft is attached for your reference

ALUV's membership consists of architects, a landscape designer, an urban planner and a developer who, along with others, spent over a year

evaluating design issues associated with recent urban village development proposals along with other City neighborhood design guidelines. The outcome is a draft neighborhood design guideline document that is relevant, practical, comprehensive and properly formatted.

We realize that neighborhood design guidelines go through a robust public involvement process, and that this is not currently on OPCD's schedule for 2019. However, should OPCD have an opportunity to accelerate ALUV neighborhood design guidelines on its work program, then we would encourage your support for that to happen. ALUV is prepared to work with the City on engaging the public in this effort when it occurs.

- Community Planning Practice and Prioritization Document - We have reviewed OPCD's prioritization document presented to the Planning, Land Use and Zoning Committee in June 2018. While we understand the priority placed on the North 130th/145th TOD locations and on the Crown Hill neighborhood, we request that ALUV be granted this same opportunity in 2019, as stated under Next Community Planning Priorities (pg. 20).

Thank you for your time and consideration of the issues raised in this letter. Please feel free to contact me should you have questions or clarification.

And thank you also for your continued support!

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Attachment: Draft Aurora Licton Urban Village Neighborhood Design Guidelines

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