

# Northeast District Council

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Ms. Elizabeth McCoury, Chief Executive Officer  
University District Partnership  
4710 University Way NE, Suite 114  
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RE: Open Space Plan – University District Square

Dear Ms. McCoury:

The Northeast District Council (NEDC), representing 18 northeast business and community groups, voted to re-affirm our desire to see a Public Plaza in the heart of the University District above or adjacent to the Sound Transit station to be completed in 2021. We want our letter to be part of the public record in the current Open Space Partners forum.

Many of our members expressed their support for a central town plaza at the Open Space Partners forum on October 7, 2014. These views have not changed since our October 4, 2012 letter (attached) endorsing this concept.

An excerpt of our October 4, 2012 letter reads as follows:


The surface of the easterly half of the block lying between the alley and Brooklyn Avenue NE and between NE 45<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 43<sup>rd</sup> Street lying south of the Neptune Theater would become a public plaza in a space about 187 feet by 460 feet for civic activities. The alley and Brooklyn Avenue NE would have a surface of ornamental brickwork to give an appearance of the openness like Pine Street through Westlake Park. Station portals would open into the plaza. Trees, a fountain, a stage or bandstand, and street furniture, a bike rack, a small children's play area like those in shopping malls, and/or an artwork are added attractions. The south wall of Neptune Theater could host a large screen as a backdrop for a digital reader board and a 100-foot mural (for annual artist's competition.) An arcade can link the plaza with University Way NE. The alley and Brooklyn Avenue NE would be open to traffic, except during crowd events, much as Pine Street is.

Please make this part of the public record of these proceedings.

Sincerely,



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## Attachment

Belvedere Terrace Community Council  
Greater University Chamber of Commerce  
Hawthorne Hills Community Council  
Inverness Community Club  
Inverness Park Homeowners Association  
Laurelhurst Community Club

Matthews Beach Community Council  
Portage Bay/Roanoke Park Community Council  
Ravenna Bryant Community Association  
Residents of Magnuson Park  
Roosevelt Neighborhood Association  
Roosevelt Neighbors' Alliance  
University District Community Council

University Park Community Club  
View Ridge Community Council  
Wedgwood Community Council  
Windermere Corporation  
Windermere North Community Association