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Scott Kubly, Director  
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Via Email

Re: Endorsement of U District Alley Activation Prototype Project

Dear Director Scott Kubly,

The University District Community Council strongly endorses the Neighborhood Park & Street Fund grant application proposed by the Alley Community Council group to activate a heavily-trafficked portion of one alley in the U District.

This project has wide support from stakeholders in that alley including the directly-affected property owners of Alfred Shiga and Unico, adjacent business owners of the Café Allegro and Bulldog News, nonprofit and faith organizations of the University Temple United Methodist Church, the ROOTS Young Adult Shelter, and the People's Harm Reduction Alliance, as well as the local community-advocacy group of U District Square.

Nowhere else in the University District is there such a consistently lively and diverse mixing of citizens as in the alley where the proposed project is sited. For this reason, the proposed intervention will benefit from this high level of activity and further increase it. What is missing however, is a community space in which to socialize and the project would provide this in a manner that is light, quick and cheap.

Unlike many other projects under consideration for the grant, this application benefits from the in-depth study, community input, and professional recommendations, as summarized in the U District Alley Activation Plan, written specifically for this alley and completed with the support of SDOT, DPD and the U District Partnership (UDP), with funding from the OED's Only in Seattle program, and authored by SvR Design & Makers Architecture. The 87-page document identifies key strategies to activate the alley, from which this project selects three to implement on the grant.

In summary, this project has the support of key stakeholders, is the best location to prototype the strategies from an city-endorsed plan, and leverages this grant with other funding sources for the overall success of the project. For these reasons, we encourage the serious consideration of the application by the city.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Fox". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail.

Matt Fox,  
President

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