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Hyeok Kim Deputy Mayor Office of the Mayor 600 Fourth Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Seattle, WA 98124-4749

Dear Hyeok,

Thank you so much for taking the time to finish the Lake City walking tour this past Friday. I'm glad you were able to meet Ann Fuller, Director of the North Seattle Family Center, and Molly Burke, Manager of the Lake City Neighborhood Farmers Market. They are terrific community assets!

The Lake City neighborhood including the Hub Urban Village has many challenges ahead. One major challenge is having SR 522 as our "Main Street". SDOT's implementation of the Lake City Way Traffic Safety Corridor project in March 2014 is helping through education, engineering, and enforcement. LCNA is focusing on four additional challenges:

- 1. Envisioning a future Lake City—to include a plan for a balance between low-income housing options (we advocate for a mixed-income model) and market-rate housing; and targeted, effective outreach especially to our many immigrant communities
- 2. Advocating for a new, full-service Lake City Community Center—needed to support our neighborhood and this HUV, and especially our youth, families, and seniors; Meadowbrook and Northgate Community Centers are not good options for many low-income and immigrant Lake City residents who cannot afford bus fares and/or will not allow their children to leave the neighborhood; ideal location determination is part of the Urban Design Framework discussion
- **3. Ensuring pedestrian safety**—sidewalks and street drainage; Greenways coupled with Safe Routes to Schools is seemingly a productive strategy
- **4. Updating the Seattle sign code**—out-of-scale, electronic, changing image signs are a blight on all neighborhoods, not just historically-designated neighborhoods; plus they are a real safety issue along all roadways but especially on high-volume City streets that also are state highways (distractions were the 2<sup>nd</sup> cause of all accidents along Lake City Way)

Thank you for listening to Lake City's concerns. We will reiterate them to Mayor Murray on Monday's **Find It, Fix It** walk, which we hope will be well attended. LCNA looks forward to participating in ongoing discussions with the Administration and the Council.

Very sincerely,

Sandra Adams Motzer

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