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To whom it may concern:

I attended the Town Hall meeting on November 1st but did not feel comfortable voicing my concerns and questions in front of a large group.

I am a single working woman who was lured to Seattle by its beauty and progressiveness back in 2000. Being ever so enamored, I decided to set some roots and purchase a home; However, being also young with one income and buying at the height of the market in early 2004 meant I couldn't quite afford a home in my ideal area. I settled on Burien. The quaint older house I chose was next to the airport, yes, but the 3rd runway was not yet built and the property had privacy, triple pane windows, a couple of wonderful neighbors around my same age with similar interests and a beautiful yard surrounded by trees. It felt a little like living in a cottage in the forest. Additionally, it was in a quiet, peaceful, diverse and convenient location.

Since moving in, I have seen trees, homes and businesses disappear, traffic increase and residential areas become parking lots. I have heard an increase in noise, felt more vibrations in my house and watched the value of my home plummet while long-standing residents move on and sell to new owners with less concern and care for their property and neighborhood. Needless to say, I feel all of this has been a direct result of airport growth. I now feel stuck in a soon-to-be industrial area in a home that is likely difficult to sell. At times, I truly wish the airport had just offered to buy my home while they were buying all the others just a few blocks away...

I realized, sitting in the meeting, listening to the panel and then the attendee feedback - Our community is largely comprised of elders with strong histories. Whether the younger generations were just not represented, did not care or are not part of the community is unknown to me but... I worry. Would this older population be valued as much as a younger, hipper, wealthier demographic or is the hope they just eventually die off? Where does that leave those of us in our 40s or younger?

Despite the slick presentation and smooth talking, I fully realize the city and Port of Seattle have an agenda they will carry out with or without the Community buy-in. I would hope the expressed desire for Community Engagement is sincere but, unfortunately, we are used to being deceived by promises after being told the 3rd runway was a reliever to be used only in times of inclement weather and not as a primary runway. Nothing could be further from the truth and nothing was ever done to compensate for the increase in noise, vibrations, pollution and even visual disturbances.

While most of my issues regarding the removal of trees and other changes were expressed in the meeting, I would still like to lay them out in writing. For the record, I am deeply saddened and angered by the removal of so many trees and the overall continuous negative impact the airport wreaks on our environment and in our community. I hope you will thoughtfully, compassionately and justly consider these highlighted concerns:

- What is to be done about the *increase* in noise, vibrations, pollution and visual disturbances and *decrease* in privacy and shade
- How the environment, ecology and wildlife will be served in a positive way – surviving and thriving
- The potential hazard in displacing predators and rats
- The long term plan and impact on the community
- Resident options - both now and in the future
- Negotiations made to increase the value of our homes
- Opportunities and assistance (e.g. compensatory) for residents to bow out of the impact on and around their personal property for which they pay taxes
- Providing mature and comparable replacements to trees and compensation for those on personal property if they must be removed
- Airport growth in a different area with less residential impact
- Being transparent and telling us the truth. Nextgen??

Thank you for your time and attention.

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