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REQUEST THAT SEATTLE'S EASTLAKE NEIGHBORHOOD BE DESIGNATED AS AN ALCOHOL IMPACT AREA AND ALSO BE COVERED BY VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

To the above parties who are responsible for, or can help with, proposals for Alcohol Impact Areas:

We urgently request that our Eastlake neighborhood of Seattle be designated as an Alcohol Impact Area, whether by addition to the Central Core Alcohol Impact Area or North District Alcohol Impact Area, or by the creation of a separate Eastlake Alcohol Impact Area. We also request that our neighborhood be included in any voluntary compliance efforts, but not as substitute for an AIA.

We do not understand why Eastlake was not included as an Alcohol Impact Area when the aforementioned AIAs were established. Now as a non-AIA, Eastlake is in the "doughnut hole," entirely surrounded by business districts that are AIAs. The result is predictable, with chronic public inebriates who are unable to purchase enriched beer or wine in those areas now coming to Eastlake to purchase these products, and with an apparent contribution to crime and disorder.

We certainly support voluntary efforts at compliance, including as the required first step toward being included in an Alcohol Impact Area, as well as the separate voluntary cooperation with industry that Seattle has been undertaking. However, these voluntary efforts are no substitute for Eastlake being included in an AIA. Being surrounded by AIAs, Eastlake will continue to suffer until it too is included. Please place Eastlake on a fast track to being included in an AIA.

Sincerely,

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