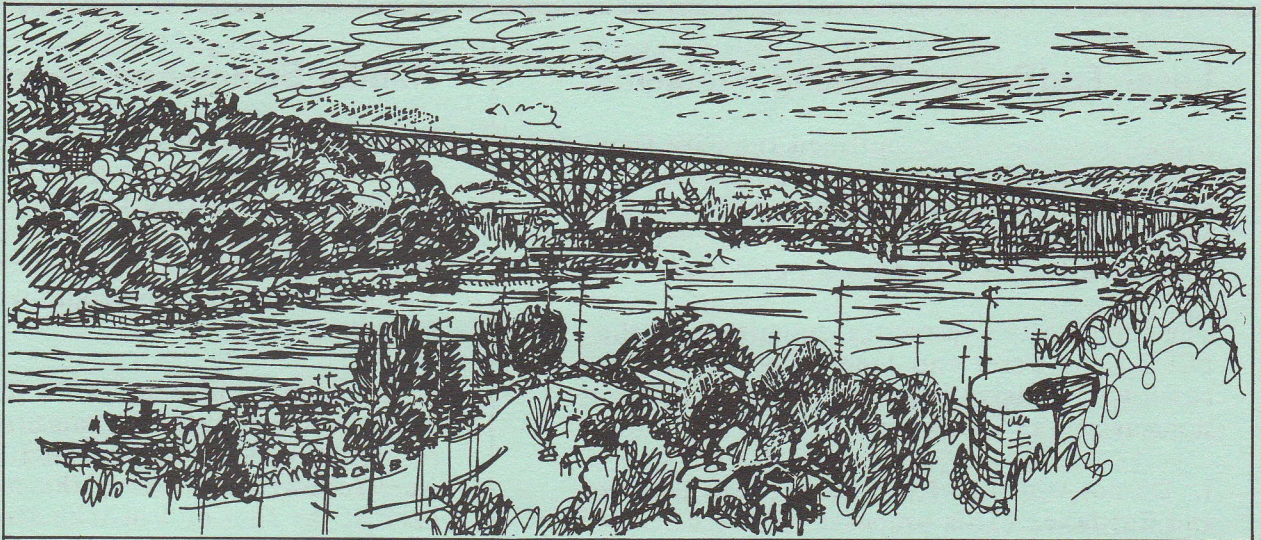


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EASTLAKE NEWS

September 12 General Meeting to Cover a Variety of Local Issues

Innovative approaches to housing and development. As we try to keep the growth of the Eastlake neighborhood to reasonable proportions, too often we only have time for short-term reaction -- against the worst excesses of proposed new apartment and office buildings. But there are many proactive things we can do to preserve affordable housing and our neighborhood's character for the long term.

For instance, we can renovate existing homes, or convert them to duplexes or triplexes, instead of tearing them down for new apartment structures. Maybe we could even specify such preservation in a covenant governing the future use of a property. Or how about cooperatives, or community land trusts? At the meeting we'll discuss successful examples of local housing renovation and conversion with the owners, and look into other alternatives.

Widening of Lynn Street. The City Engineering Dept.'s study on Eastlake-area traffic and parking (see the community's responses to all the proposals later in this newsletter) contained a proposal to widen Lynn Street between Boylston and Eastlake. This project may be carried out soon, and the City has developed several different design proposals. Carol Smith and other representatives from the Engineering Dept. will be at the meeting to present and get feedback on the proposals. Come and let your opinions be known. The Dept. also hopes to send a mailing to local residents prior to the meeting.

Land Use project updates. Community Council committee members will answer your questions about the latest development projects proposed for our neighborhood, and the very important new multi-family zoning code soon to be adopted by City Council. (See articles on these issues inside.)

Prize display. The prizes for the winners of our fundraising raffle, described inside, will on be display at the meeting, where you can also buy tickets for the October drawing.

See you at the Seward/Colman School library at 6:30 (note the change from the usual time) on Tuesday, September 12. The widening of Lynn Street will be the first item on the agenda.

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Local Traffic and Parking Problems

In past newsletters we outlined the City Dept. of Engineering's Eastlake-Area Transportation Study, which recommended a number of changes for our neighborhood to improve its ever-worsening traffic and parking problems.

The community's responses, submitted by the ECC's Lynn Poser and Janet Lapeyrouse and based on extensive input from residents, are summarized as follows:

1. Do not widen E. Lynn St. between Boylston and Eastlake. (This proposal will be discussed in detail at the ECC Sept. 12 General Meeting.)
2. Keep Fairview as it is; do not "rationalize" it, thereby losing its character.
3. Keep all public rights of way in public ownership; do not sell for private use.
4. Keep existing "No parking" signs.
5. The study proposed creation of several new one-way streets. Neighborhood opinions are strongly divided on each proposal; in the absence of a consensus, the ECC recommends that local street directions remain as they are.

The ECC also made a number of other recommendations for our neighborhood, including (not in order of priority):

1. Keep and restore our cobblestone streets.
2. Require all new developments to have a comprehensive Transportation Management Plan -- to reduce traffic congestion by encouraging the use of public transportation by people who come to work in our neighborhood.
3. Work with the City to establish a Residential Parking Zone. RPZs have helped alleviate parking problems in other Seattle neighborhoods.
4. As soon as possible, install pedestrian-activated stop lights on Eastlake at the intersections with Garfield and Boston.
5. Install stop signs or traffic circles on Franklin at the intersections with Newton and Boston.
6. The Eastlake/Louisa intersection: Make the stop light respond more quickly to pedestrians; install a crosswalk on the south side.

Hamlin Street-End Park: Good News

Street-end parks, despite their small size, have become a symbol of the quality of life of the Eastlake and Floating Homes communities over the past 20 years. These parks offer many benefits to a broad range of people, from local residents to boaters to people who work in the neighborhood.

People's Park and Pete's Park (later renamed Terry Pettus Park and Lynn Street Park, respectively) were inaugurated in 1974. They were followed in 1976 by the completion of the park at the foot of Roanoke Street. And in recent years pressure has grown for a park at the foot of Hamlin Street.

After several sleepless nights spent by those preparing the application -- 10 pages of complex material -- a superb application for the Hamlin street-end park was finally submitted on July 7. It was submitted jointly by the Eastlake Community Council, the Floating Homes Association, and the Hamlin Shores Homeowners Association. The Eastlake residential and business community would contribute \$10,400 in costs and labor, which would be matched by another \$10.4K in matching funds from the City under the 1989 Neighborhood Matching Fund program. Completion of the park is scheduled for September 1990.

Good news on Sept. 1: The City's Office of Neighborhoods informed the ECC of the Mayor's approval of funding for the park, following preliminary approval by the Lake Union District Council and other review teams. Final funding will be decided by City Council.

Carol Eychaner of the ECC, Bill Keasler of the FHA, and Carol Schlosnagel and Jean Savelle of the HSHA deserve special thanks and congratulations from throughout the neighborhood for their efforts in preparing the application for the park.

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Vital September 20 Hearing on Multi-Family Zoning Controls

Eastlake residents recently identified excessive development and parking congestion as our neighborhood's worst problems (see the article on our 1989 survey). You can do something fundamental about these problems by attending the final multi-family zoning hearing before City Council on Sept. 20.

The 1982 zoning codes adopted by the City were a developer's dream, and resulted in many of the building aberrations that have afflicted Eastlake and other neighborhoods since then.

The Eastlake neighborhood is especially affected by multi-family zoning codes. Although many residences are single-family-type houses, the great majority of properties here are zoned for multi-family development. Without better zoning controls, our neighborhood will one day look like the east side of Queen Anne hill.

Following pressure from neighborhood activists throughout the city, together with sympathetic City Council voices like Jim Street and Virginia Galle, new interim zoning controls were adopted in 1988 over the wishes of developers. These controls will soon expire, and it's time to implement permanent zoning changes.

The final hearing on Seattle's new multi-family zoning controls will be held Sept. 20 before the City Council's Urban Redevelopment Committee, chaired by Paul Kraabel. The hearing will begin at 7pm at Council Chambers on the 11th floor of the Municipal Building downtown. It will be a vital hearing for the future of our city in general and of neighborhoods like Eastlake.

The City's Office of Long-Range Planning has proposed one set of zoning codes. The Seattle Community Council Federation and the Seattle Neighborhood Coalition have formulated another set of proposals that we support, called "Alternative 2." They include significant limits in the height, density, and lot coverage of buildings, and many other changes. Paul Kraabel has offered yet a third recommendation that incorporates much of Alternative 2, but which could be detrimental to developed areas like Eastlake. We'll summarize the details of the proposals at the ECC's Sept. 12 General Meeting.

Clearly, a strong presence at the Sept. 20 hearing will be essential. PLEASE consider attending this vital hearing. For more information, call Carol Eychaner at 324-1716.

Huge Building Proposed for Fairview and Eastlake

As mentioned in connection with our August potluck, a huge mixed-use office, retail, and penthouse project is proposed by MGM Development Co. for 2901 Eastlake and Fairview at the Shelby right of way. (Remember the architect's rendition of the 5-story building pictured in the last newsletter?)

If the proposed building materialized, the traffic and parking impacts on Fairview would be enormous, and the character of one of Seattle's "last country roads" would be irreversibly worsened; the P-patch would be paved over; the building would be absurdly out of scale with neighboring homes; and one of Lake Union's last salmon spawning grounds, and many flora and fauna, would be destroyed.

Many Eastlakians want the P-patch preserved and the area saved for a park. City officials say the project will require a full Environmental Impact Statement, providing opportunities to voice the community's objections and proposed alternatives. Meanwhile, petitions are being circulated in the neighborhood and letters sent to the City.

Comment letters should be submitted to Dennis McLerran, Director of the Department of Construction and Land Use, Municipal Building, 600 4th Ave., Seattle 98104. Use the same Municipal Building address for letters calling for preservation of the P-patch to Gary Zarker, Director of the Seattle Engineering Dept., and Jeanette Williams, Chair of the City Council's Transportation Committee; and for letters in support of the park proposal to Holly Miller, Director of Parks and Recreation, and Dolores Sibonga, Chair of the City Council's Parks and Public Grounds Committee. Please take the time to let City officials know how you feel about this proposed building that would be out of place and out of scale, and surely should be out of the question.



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Our Fairview Park and P-Patch Potluck: Successful and Fun

About 70 people enjoyed the Eastlake Community Council's potluck on August 13. Billed as "a block party to celebrate one of Seattle's last country roads," the event took place on Fairview at the Shelby St. right of way (including the P-patch). A huge office, retail, and penthouse building has been proposed for the site. Many local residents want the P-patch retained and the land saved for a park, as the Olmstead brothers proposed in 1903. (See separate article on the 2901 Eastlake proposal.)

First item on the agenda was the unveiling of a wonderful mock white board that local residents have erected at the site. It portrays the fish, wildlife and crops that would thrive if the City chose the park option.

Another highlight followed: Vi Hilbert, the celebrated Upper Skagit tribal elder, told stories about salmon in both Lushootseed and English. Vi was also presented, by Eastlakers Robert Rudine and Janet Yoder, with a special state centennial blanket designed by Greg Watson and made by Pendleton Mills. Vi was followed by City P-patch director Barbara Donnette, who reminded us why P-patches are so important, and by Mark Blatter's update on the building proposed for the site.

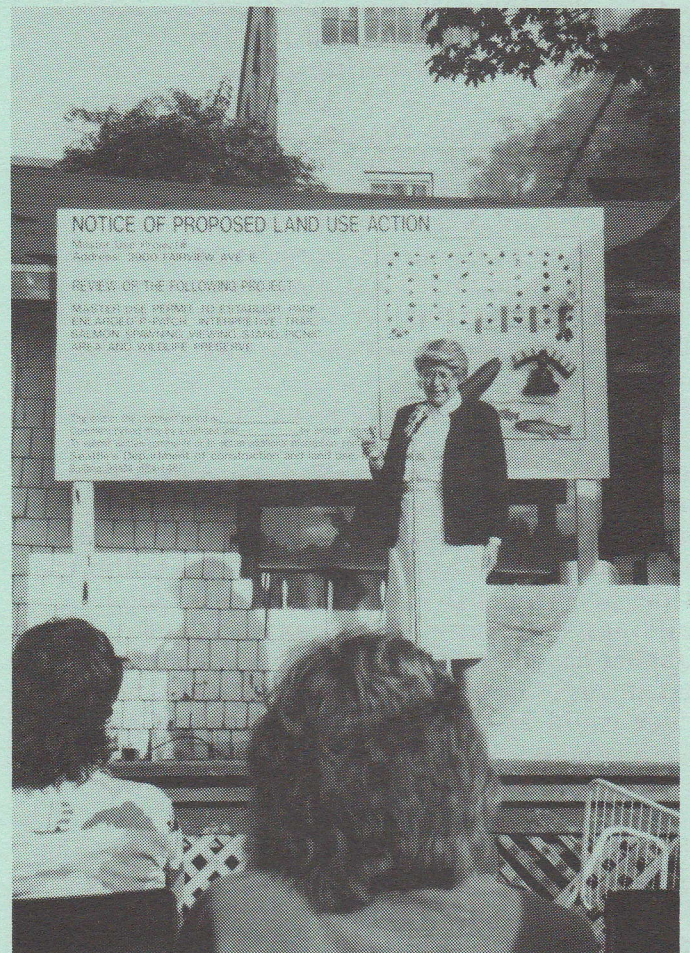
Dick Arnold then introduced a parade of speakers who are candidates for this year's city elections, among them: Mayoral candidates Jim Street, Dolores Sibonga, Randy Revelle, Doug Jewett, and Carsten Lien; and City Council candidates Pat Strosahl, Virginia Galle, Margaret Pageler, Steve Zemke, Jane Noland, Jeanette Williams, and Cheryl Chow.

We then enjoyed food made from vegetables grown in the P-patch, steel band music, dancing, and even a slug race (slow-moving but gripping stuff; the result appears to have been a tie).

Many thanks go to Chris Leman, Lynn Poser and the ECC board members who organized and hosted the event; to Vi Hilbert for gracing us with her presence; to Rainy Day Flags for adding to the salmon motif by donating a 6-ft. salmon windsock made specially for the event; to Trade-Marx Sign and Display Co. for donating the lettering for the white board; to Robert Rudine, Janet Yoder, Jean Patterson and others who produced the white board; to Mary Kay Gillespie for the use of her deck; to the Toucans for great dance music; and to everyone who brought food and drinks, helped, and made it a successful day.



Vi Hilbert, the centennial blanket, and the "White Board."



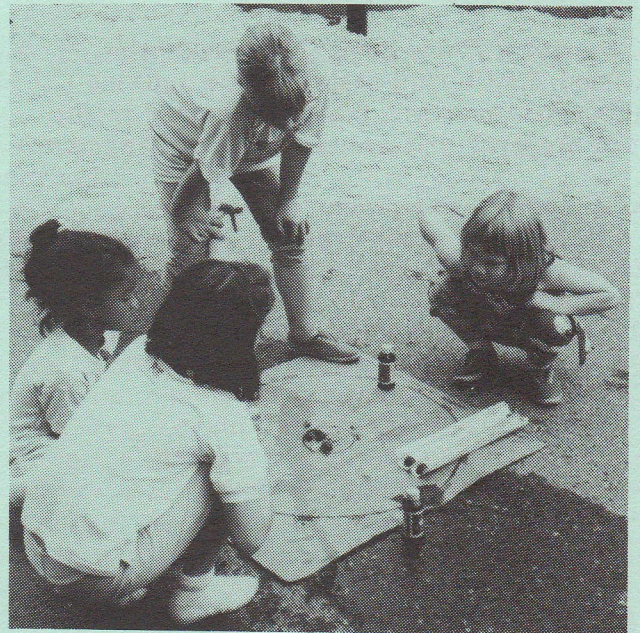
City Councilmember Virginia Galle.



City P-patch director
Barbara Donnette.



Two past ECC presidents and a current mayoral candidate take a break from the rigors of politics.



The slug race gets off to a rousing start.

"And a motley crew
if we ever saw one...."



Seward/Colman School Latest

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, the ECC co-sponsored a reunion at Seward School in June. Hundreds of alumni, former staff, parents, and current students came to celebrate the grand old school, which includes Seattle's oldest school building on its grounds. There's talk of another reunion next year.

Although the school was closed in June by order of the School Board, we are delighted to report that it will be used this school year by the staff and students of Colman School, whose own building in the Judkins neighborhood was closed during the I-90 construction. Colman principal Ed Jefferson has exciting plans, and we welcome him and his school. For more information call Seward/Colman school at 281-6603 or Carol Eychaner at 324-1716.

ECC president Chris Leman, who recently welcomed the Colman children at a Judkins neighborhood meeting, found this creed in the Seward archives that has universal relevance:

As a member and citizen of Seward
I will be loyal to my school;
Eager to aid and help others;
Prompt and cheerful in obedience;
Honest and trustworthy in all my actions;
Quick to appreciate what is done for me;
Courteous in speech and manner;
Fair and square in work and play;
A good loser and a generous winner;
A pupil proud of the name Seward.

Raffle to Benefit the ECC

At the August potluck we unveiled our fundraising raffle, which is still ongoing. The prizes are exceptional. They include an original photographic panorama by Ron Adams; a limited-edition lithograph by Dale Chihuly; and a beautiful patchwork quilt created by Beth Means. The prizes will be on display at the Sept. 12 General Meeting, and the drawing will be held at the Oct. 17 General Meeting.

Raffle tickets are \$1 and will be available at the September meeting; they can also be purchased from any ECC board member. Buy a raffle ticket, support the ECC, and maybe win a great prize!

Neighborhood Notes

Talking of our September meeting. A great example of what can be done with existing older buildings can be seen at 2325 Franklin E. The new owners have replaced the building's siding and landscaped the back yard, and the overall effect is great -- and so preferable to simply tearing the house down and putting up a new apartment building. Many thanks to the new owners and, truly, welcome to the neighborhood!

From Eastlake to the Palouse. The P-I recently featured a story on three Eastlake kids who spent time in Eastern Washington for a farm-swap program -- Lauren, Ben, and Max Grinnell. Congratulations to the kids who, along with their dad Les, also deserve our thanks for organizing their annual softball afternoon at Rogers Field in June.

Seniors transportation and escort program. Are you a person 60 or older who needs a ride to medical facilities, or could you help transport such people? You should know about this city/county program run by Senior Services. Call 448-5740 or 1-800-972-9990.

Openings on local boards and commissions. The ECC receives many announcements of openings on public bodies. Recent examples include the East Precinct Neighborhood Crime Prevention Committee; the City's animal control board and bicycle board; METRO's water quality board; and various transit boards including those involving access for elderly and handicapped people. Express your general and specific interests to Chris Leman at 322-5463.

Sports news. Eastlake resident Chris Welp joined his fellow West German Detlef Schrempf in making the UW basketball team a power in the PAC-10 conference a few years ago. Detlef, after limited playing time with Dallas, has found his professional career rejuvenated with Indiana. Now Chris, after limited opportunities with Philadelphia which drafted him, has just been traded to San Antonio. The best of luck to Chris with his new team.

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Other Land Use Notes

Eastlake Center 2, as reported in other papers, has had all its contentious issues settled except one: The size of the mechanical "penthouse" on the top of the building. It should be smaller.

Fred Hutchinson development advisers responded positively to the ECC's request for an advisory committee to help shape the future Cancer Research Center at south Lake Union. The group, including members of the Eastlake and Cascade community councils and the Lake Union Association, meets regularly to consider development goals and objectives, and will review the proposed Transportation Management Plan, and the draft and final Environmental Impact Statement. We need another Eastlake representative on this important project: Contact Mark Blatter at 322-4041.

Transportation Impact Studies have been prepared for proposed development projects our Land Use Committee has been monitoring, including: 3230 Eastlake E. (Portage Bay apartments), 3316 Fuhrman E. (Pocock building), and 1800 Eastlake E. (Hedreen mixed-use project). The studies look at the effects of increased traffic and parking demand generated cumulatively and by individual demand. The City's review agency (DCLU, the Department of Construction and Land Use) is holding project review until the community responds.

Coolidge Propeller on Fairview will close down Oct. 15. No word yet on the future of the site; some hazardous wastes will require removal.

St. Vincent de Paul's property on Lake Union is up for sale, according to recent Times articles inviting offers. It would be nice to see the lakeshore used for something other than trendy restaurants and parking lots, for a change.

Community Council Notes

Upcoming Elections. It's that time again -- time to elect officers and board members for the 1989-90 Eastlake Community Council. Officers are president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and historian; we currently have 6 at-large board members, but there's no limit on the number. Terms are for one year.

With your nominations for officer and board positions, contact Dick Arnold, chairperson of the nominating committee, at 323-2711.

Volunteers needed. All ECC activities rely on volunteer efforts. It's a worthy and enjoyable sacrifice of your time. Current needs include:

- * Help distribute our newsletter in your part of the neighborhood.

- * Coordinate the distribution of the newsletter.

- * Help us deal with the latest wave of land-use projects inundating our neighborhood.

- * Serve on the committee seeking to save the P-patch and park site along Fairview Ave.

- * Serve on the committee dealing with the new Fred Hutch center.

- * Work with other neighborhood representatives on citywide neighborhood planning and the Lake Union District Council.

- * Prepare a study of social service needs in Eastlake, especially the needs of the elderly.

Many thanks to Carol Eychaner, Chris Leman and, especially, to Lisa Farin for putting together the newsletters and bulletins over the past few months during my absence--Ed.

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Our 1989 Neighborhood Survey

The 1989 Eastlake neighborhood survey, organized by Jules James, has received more than 200 responses. You'll want to read the lead article in the September Lake Union Review, in which James Bush assesses many of the survey's findings. Many thanks to Jules, and here are some more results:

Favorite neighborhood businesses. 1. Pete's; 2. Julia's; 3. Nick and Sully's.

Favorite neighborhood non-food and non-grocery businesses. 1. Lake Union Mail; 2. Bibelots & Books; 3. G&H Printing.

Most desired new businesses. 1. Drug store; 2. Hardware store; 3. Bakery.

Favorite neighborhood building. 1. Seward School; 2. Hines Public Market; 3. "My house!"

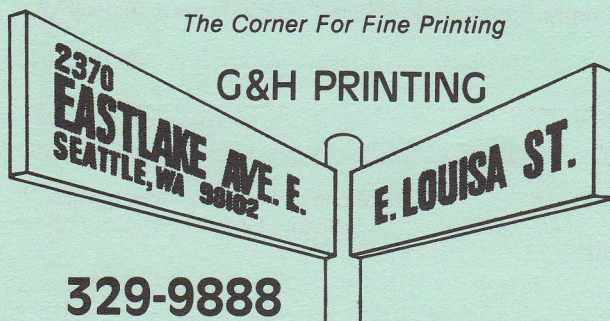
Eastlake neighborhood's greatest asset. 1. The people who live here; 2. Its proximity to Lake Union; 3. Its central location.

Eastlake neighborhood's worst problem. 1. Too much development; 2. Parking congestion; 3. Too much traffic.

Candidates' Night October 11

The Eastlake, Montlake and Roanoke/Portage Bay community councils will again sponsor a candidates forum this year. It will take place at the Montlake Community Center, 1618 E. Calhoun, at 7:30pm.

Candidates advancing from the Sept. 19 primary elections for Mayor, City Council, City Attorney, and County Executive will be on hand to give brief speeches and answer questions from residents -- and from each other.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

September 12. **Eastlake Community Council General Meeting**, Seward/Colman School Library, 6:30pm.

September 19. **Primary Election Day.**

September 20. **Final Hearing on new Seattle Multi-Family Zoning Controls**, before City Council's Urban Redevelopment Committee. Council Chambers, 11th floor, Municipal Building, 7pm.

October 7. **Voter Registration Deadline** for the November elections.

October 11. **Candidates Night.** Sponsored by the Eastlake, Montlake and Roanoke/Portage Bay Community Councils. Montlake Community Center, 1618 E. Calhoun, 7:30pm.

October 17. **Eastlake Community Council October General Meeting**, Seward/Colman School Library, 7pm.

October 31. **Eastlake Community Council Halloween Party**, 2847 Franklin E., 7pm.

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And for Mayor: JIM STREET

We believe these well qualified candidates share our vision of what Seattle's neighborhoods and downtown should be. We are contributing effort and money to their campaigns, and we urge our friends and neighbors to do the same.

(signed) Carol Eychaner, Bill Keasler,
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