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I testify in opposition to this project.

The #1 concern in Southwest is GENTRIFICATION fueling reduced subsidized and workforce housing. In my 11 years in Southwest, new 10-12-story buildings with ground floor retail are turning Southwest from a mid-century modern neighborhood with a mix of housing to small, expensive mostly market-rate apartments, at best only 8% affordable. The impact is felt from The Wharf I (new also II), to S. Capitol St., now to Buzzard Point. Why hasn't Southwest been maintained as the "exemplary model of equity" promoted in the Southwest Small Area Plan?

This project is well-designed, but does almost nothing to preserve our income and racial diversity. Go beyond "design review:"

INSIST ON MORE AFFORDABLE UNITS IN THIS PROJECT!

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