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**Subject:** Northwest Parking Update Project

Dear Planning Commissioners,

I am writing in regards to the proposed draft of the Northwest Parking Update Project. Specifically I am writing to urge you NOT to adopt any increase in minimum parking requirements.

Our city is in the midst of a housing crisis. The relationship between parking minimums and upward pressure on rent is well-established. It makes no sense for the city to guarantee housing for cars instead of guaranteeing housing for people.

Parking minimums are contrary to many of the goals and policies in the soon-to-be-adopted comprehensive plan. They incentivize car ownership and single-occupancy vehicle trips. The draft report states that parking demand in the area has not dropped, but this is not a reason to increase parking supply; it's a reason to double down on demand-management strategies like market-priced parking permits. Adding to parking minimums is instead throwing fuel on a fire that you are trying to put out.

I believe city council erred in increasing parking requirements in 2013. While the NWDP area was not treated identically to other parts of the city, that is not an adequate justification for now acting contrarily to the city's goals and to the moral imperative of housing our citizens, not their vehicles.

Thank you,  
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