

Committee of the Whole, Seattle City Council
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Event 3084 – Mayumi Tsutakawa

MAYUMI TSUTAKAWA: My name is Mayumi Tsutakawa.

COUNCILMEMBER RANDY REVELLE: Tsutakawa? Thank you.

TSUTAKAWA: And, um, let me see. I'm going to speak as a community person. I wrote down the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the International District Youth Council, but I'm going to speak as a community person who regularly visits and—and shops in the District. And I'm not a resident of the District, though I'd like to be. A lot of these people would like to be residents of the District, but as it is, there isn't enough housing for the kind of—for the people who have lived there all their lives. That's not the main point that I'd like to make though. The--the kinds of concerns that people are bringing out today should not be seen as, you know, off the subject or arguing whether the stadium should be built, umm, as you preface the—the--the hearing tonight. With, umm, the kinds of concerns that people are bringing out are--are in order to help people get a wide view, a general view or a more broad view of the kinds of problems. I mean, of course, we--we appreciate a document like this pointing out some real specific little points, but on the other hand, umm, like Jackie Lum from the Asian Planners Association was bringing out, that despite the fact that you have some very specific points in--within the performance standards, you—you, uh, not only don't have the specific points that deal with the kinds of socio--socioeconomic problems that refer specifically to residents, but you also don't have performance standards that relate to more of the long range damage that may occur. For example, when you say, "retail sales and other measures of business activity" – umm, although we don't, we're not saying that we don't want retail sales – at the same time, you're not saying how many lives may be lost, or how many people may get sick, or how many people, umm, may get, uh, abused by the traffic that will go through the stadium... go, that will have to do with the stadium. A specific concern that I have that, umm, that hasn't been brought up yet is, umm, not only do we not want the intrusion of--of the ve-vehicular traffic that has to do with the stadium, uh, but we have to remember that a lot of the people that use the District, who live in the District and shop in the District, umm, use the—the, umm, public transportation system and on page 6 under "goals and objectives" it says, that, uh, "we want to maintain existing transport functions and using--user equity during stadium events." Well, I would have to see a--a very good rationale or a very good explanation for how it is that people who use public transportation who may not have cars are, umm, not going to have, uh, their normal daily function changed by the kinds of traffic during the stadium events. Umm, I guess, I guess that's about all.