



City of Seattle  
Seattle Department of Neighborhoods  
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## **SEATTLE UNIVERSITY MAJOR INSTITUTIONS MASTER PLAN STANDING CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Seattle University  
Major Institutions  
Master Plan Standing  
Citizens Advisory  
Committee

June 19, 2012  
Councilmember Richard Conlin  
Seattle City Hall  
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600 Fourth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

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RE: Request for designation of the Seattle University Major Institutions Master Plan Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) as a party of Record for the Council Consideration of the application for establishment of a New Major Institutions Master Plan for Seattle University.

Dear Council Member Conlin,

The Seattle University CAC is established under the provisions of the Seattle Municipal Code 23.69.032 to advise, and make recommendations to, the City and Seattle University concerning the development of the Seattle University Major Institutions Master Plan (MIMP). As such its recommendations are independently submitted to the Hearing Examiner and Seattle City Council. Its recommendations are independent of the report of the Director of the Department of Planning and Development.

The CAC concurred with the majority of recommendations of the Director of DPD and the Hearing Examiner. However, two of its 21 recommendations have not been included in the Findings and Recommendation of the Hearing Examiner for the City of Seattle (CF 309092). Those two recommendations are No. 3 concerning periodic reviews by the SU CAC and No. 19, specifying that construction of student housing (dormitories or other Seattle University-owned student housing) should not constitute replacement housing. The former appears to have been a possible oversight as all parties appear comfortable with holding such a meeting. However the second is in contention.

The CAC has devoted over five years to the review of the MIMP and has a clear substantial and significant interest in this action. Since neither recommendation noted above is included in either the Recommendation of the Director or the Findings and Recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, the members of the CAC are concerned that neither of these parties will adequately represent the CAC's position.

The CAC believes that it is a party of record, should be granted that status by the City Council, and should be allowed to address the Council on these issues.

In support of this request we offer the following:

- 1) The CAC was a party of record before the Hearing Examiner and was included in all pre-hearing conferences. Furthermore SMC 23.69.032H2b clearly implies that the CAC is a party of record.

- 2) The CAC qualifies as a party of record under the provisions of the Council Rules for Quasi-judicial Proceedings Section 2F provision 2 as a City agency making a recommendation, decision or determination on a quasi-judicial action that is pending before the Council and any of its employees or agents. As the CAC is formally established by the City through Council Resolution, it is an agent of the City and the Municipal Code specifically charges that the CAC make a recommendation to the Hearing Examiner and City Council.
- 3) In addition, the CAC could be further considered a party of record under for Quasi-judicial Proceedings Section 2F provisions 5 as a party granted status through intervention...during the City council quasi-judicial proceeding.

The CAC formally requests designation as a party of record under provision 2 of Section 2F of the Council Rules for Quasi-judicial Proceedings. If a decision is made not to allow participation pursuant to Section 2F, the CAC requests the Council grant intervener status to the CAC pursuant to Section 5D and that this letter be considered a formal Motion for Intervention.

We want to specify that any presentation by the CAC would be limited to the two issues noted above. The CAC would be represented by John Savo, Chair of the CAC and/or by Steve Sheppard, staff to the CAC in the Department of Neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely



John Savo, Chair  
SU CAC

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