



April 15, 2008

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**RE: Urgent Notice Of Community Opposition To CB 11681
Proposed Abandonment Of Funding For Hangar 27 at Magnuson Park**

Dear Jean:

This letter is of the utmost importance to you and fellow members of your committee as you consider CB 11681 on Thursday, April 17. CB 11681 contains the proposal that the \$7M already allocated for renovation of Hangar 27 at Magnuson Park be abandoned. **Let us be crystal clear that we find this proposal to be totally unacceptable and irresponsible.** Such action simply is illogical and inappropriate while discussions over the future of Hangar 27 and its renovation are ongoing and undecided.

Additionally, in November 2006, the Department of Parks and Recreation was instructed by the City Council to provide an alternative proposal for Hangar 27 that addressed multiple public needs. This was in large part because the renovation called for public funding in excess of \$5 million. Unless Section 1 of CB 116181 is retained, City Council's involvement in decisions on the future of Hangar 27 could cease. A move to abandon public funding would equate to an abandonment of City Council's responsibility to protect the best interests of Seattle taxpayers in public parks. We simply can't believe that you and your fellow City Council Members would wish to be derelict in these duties as elected officials.

As the proponent of CB 116181, please delete Section 1 which suggests abandonment of \$7M for renovation of Hangar 27 at Magnuson Park. We are hopeful its inclusion in the legislation was an inadvertent oversight.

Sincerely,

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View Ridge Community Council

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