Legislative Department
Seattle City Council

Date: February 26, 2010

To: Parties of record

From: Sally Clark, Chair, Committee on the Built Environment

Subject: Committee on the Built Environment (COBE) concerning Seattle Children's Hospital (Children's) request for a new Major Institution Master Plan (CF 308884) – Comments by parties of record on the February 24, 2010 staff report and related housing replacement options

At the February 25, 2010 COBE meeting on Children's, the committee requested that parties of record provide written comments on recommendations concerning Children's requirement to provide housing replacement under SMC 23.34.124B7. The Chair's proposal discussed in that meeting is detailed in the February 24, 2010 staff report.

In addition to the proposal outlined in the February 24, 2010 staff report, COBE is interested in receiving written comment on a second option not addressed in committee on February 25, one that would be predicated on the "gap financing" model in the draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA - Hearing Examiner's Exhibit R-6). In discussing the gap financing model most Councilmembers have expressed doubt that $5,000,000 adequately represents the amount to ensure construction of 136 replacement units of housing. If COBE discarded the "choice" model discussed February 25 and went back to a replacement requirement similar to the model in the draft MOA, COBE would likely use a higher percentage for Children's responsibility. That figure could be $11 million to $13 million.

All parties of record that wish to provide written comments on these two options shall submit comments to the City Clerk by March 5, 2010 at 4:30 pm. No oral argument on the written responses will be provided. Any written materials shall not exceed five single-sided pages.

The next meeting of COBE concerning Children's request for a new MIMP will occur on March 11, 2010, starting at 2:00 p.m., in City Council chambers.

Please contact Michael Jenkins, Council Central Staff, at 206-615-1674 or by email at michael.jenkins@seattle.gov if you have questions.

Thank you.