



City of Seattle

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Recipient's Name
Company Name (if applicable)
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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

RE: City of Seattle Waterfront Improvement Program

Notice of Seattle City Council Select Committee on the Central Waterfront, Seawall, and Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program Meetings and Full City Council Meeting Authorizing Acquisition of Property for Public Purposes through Negotiation and the Exercise of Eminent Domain (Condemnation)

Tax Parcel No.: [Insert Tax Parcel Number]

Address: [Insert Address]

Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this notice is to inform you that the Seattle City Council is expected to vote to approve an ordinance authorizing the Seattle Department of Transportation to acquire all property rights necessary to complete some elements of the Waterfront Improvement Program (Program) through negotiation or the use of eminent domain (condemnation), if necessary. Primary elements of the Program include constructing a new Alaskan Way and Elliott Way surface street after the Alaskan Way Viaduct is demolished, with adjacent promenades and sidewalks, as well as improving many east-west streets connecting with Alaskan Way and/or Elliott Way that will accommodate multiple modes of transportation and provide for important connections in the City's transportation system. The Program will also construct a new elevated connection between the Pike Place Market and the Waterfront, which will be known as the Overlook Walk, reconstruct Pier 62/63 and the Union St. Pier (currently known as Waterfront Park), and create an expansive public space from the Olympic Sculpture Park to Pioneer Square that will provide an important connection between downtown and the Waterfront including park space, multi-modal paths, Waterfront access, viewpoints, and public and cultural spaces. Once the ordinance is approved and becomes effective, the Seattle Department of Transportation will be authorized to acquire all property rights needed for the Program through negotiations with property owners and the use of eminent domain (condemnation), if necessary. You have been identified as a property owner from whom all or a portion of your property will be needed, either temporarily or permanently, for the Program. A map indicating the Program alignment is enclosed for your information.

The City of Seattle (City) is required by RCW 8.25.290 to provide you with formal written notice before the City takes final action authorizing the condemnation of property. The City ordinance authorizing

property acquisition through negotiation or condemnation is anticipated to be on the agenda of the Seattle City Council Select Committee on the Central Waterfront, Seawall, and Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program (Select Committee) for discussion on April 28, 2014, with a possible vote on May 19, 2014. The Select Committee meetings will begin at 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Full Council's 2 p.m. meeting is finished. To confirm agenda items, check a day before the meeting at http://www.seattle.gov/council/com_assign.htm. The committee will take public comment as a regular part of each meeting.

If you wish to attend a Select Committee meeting, the committee meets in the City Council Chambers, which are located at 600 4th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Seattle, WA. The Council's Chambers and offices are physically accessible; print and communications access are provided upon request. Call 206-684-8888 (TDD: 206-233-0025) for further information.

If you would like, you will have the opportunity to express your views on the ordinance during the public comment section of each Select Committee meeting. The committee welcomes any property owner that would like to participate during the public comment section of a meeting. The total time allocated for public comments may be limited at the discretion of the Committee chair. If you have questions about the committee meeting format, the agenda for the meeting, or the public comment section, please contact Bailey Bauhs in Councilmember Godden's office at (206) 684-8807.

If the Select Committee approves the ordinance, it will then be scheduled for final City Council action. Final action on the ordinance by the City Council is expected on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 600 4th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Seattle, WA. After the full City Council approves the ordinance and it becomes effective, the City of Seattle may acquire property for the Program from you through negotiation, or may use its powers of eminent domain to condemn your property, if necessary.

General information about the Program can be found at:
<http://waterfrontseattle.org/waterfront/default.aspx>

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to contact me or the offices mentioned in this letter.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: Council member Jean Godden, Chair, Select Committee on the Central Waterfront, Seawall, and Alaskan Way Viaduct Replacement Program