

My hope is that the SCC campus renovation will be considered in relationship to Cal Anderson Park. Doing so would be an immense safety enhancement to both spaces. Connecting these two spaces would be a tremendous benefit for students who might see the park as integral to their experience at SCC. Connecting the SCC campus to the Capitol Hill neighborhood in the minds of its residents would also be a powerful step forward. The positive benefits here are exponential, as cultivating a sense of stewardship and belonging in both spaces could return greater investments in climate change mitigation and adaptation, the activation of public spaces, and a greater sense of care among community members through new opportunities for interaction.

I would also request that SCC be inclusive and broad in its definition of community, centering those who will absorb the greatest impact of the choices made here. I understand those group to be students, local residents, business owners and employees, and commuters who experience SCC campus as part of a larger transit corridor due to the presence of light rail. As much as you can be cognizant of the needs of your neighbors, especially when they are under-resourced, you will be seen as a community touchstone and steward – because you will be.

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