



## SEATTLE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOODS

# MAJOR INSTITUTIONS & SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Seattle's major institutions - hospitals, universities, and colleges - and public K-12 schools play important roles in the city and region. Since our major institutions and schools are in thriving neighborhoods, they require special development plans to ensure equitable growth and the well-being of the surrounding communities. To achieve this, community members like you collaborate with representatives from these institutions and the City to craft mutually beneficial plans for development.

Community involvement for each institution's development plan is overseen by a City-appointed Advisory Committee (CAC) and staffed by Seattle Department of Neighborhoods.

### ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Unique zoning rules are crafted for each major institution through the adoption of a Major Institution Master Plan. The objectives of the plan are to balance the needs of major institution development with the need of adjacent neighborhoods. The Advisory Committee is composed of 6 to 12 voting members appointed by the City Council as part of the Master Plan development process. The Advisory Committee represents the interests of the institution, the surrounding neighborhoods, and the City of Seattle. The role of the Advisory Committee is to advise both the institution and the City about the potential impacts of the development on the surrounding neighborhoods.

### SCHOOL DEPARTURE COMMITTEES

Seattle, unlike other cities, does not have a "School Zone." Instead, schools are subject to the development standards (setback, height, lot coverage, etc.) of the underlying zone. The Seattle School District can request exemptions, also known as departures, from the provisions of the land use code. In order to ensure that the perspectives of the surrounding community are given weight in City decisions to allow departures from the zoning, a Departure Committee is formed primarily with neighbors of the school. The purpose of the committee is to review the departures requested, listen to and solicit the views of neighbors, and make a recommendation to the Director of the Seattle Department of Construction & Inspections concerning granting, denying, or conditioning any departures.

### SCHOOL USE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The School Use Advisory Committee process was established to ensure there is neighborhood input when Seattle Public School buildings are being repurposed for other uses. Its intent is to establish criteria for any non-school use.

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