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The Honorable Ed Murray
Mayor of Seattle
Seattle City Hall
Via-e-mail

Dear Mayor Murray:

The Seattle Planning Commission is the steward of the Comprehensive Plan and in this capacity has been an active participant in Seattle 2035, the major Comprehensive Plan update. The Commission has reviewed and submitted comment on draft outlines for key Elements as well as the style guide that will ensure the entire document is consistent in look and feel.

The Commission would like to recognize the high quality work of the Department of Planning and Development (DPD). The DPD project management team members have attended many of our meetings and they have been responsive to our requests for information.

At this time in our review we would like to request the following additional information that will assist and guide our future review:

1. Confirmation on behalf of the Mayor and City Council that the core values - community, economic prosperity, environmental stewardship, and equity - will continue to be the values that drive the writing and implementation of the Plan.
2. A vision for how these core values will be expressed in each Element and specifically how each Element contributes to the City achieving these core values.
3. A preview of the introduction. Ideally the introduction would outline the overall vision, define the core values and identify how each of the Elements helps to serve the overall vision.
4. A graphic plan outline that shows the organization of the plan. For your reference, attached to this communication is an example of such an outline that the Commission drafted a few years ago.


We would be happy to meet with you or a member of your staff to discuss and review our requests. We are keenly aware of the timeline for deliverables on this project and do not wish to delay our review with this request. Having a clear sense of the Plan's vision as well as confirmation of the core values will enable us to consistently and effectively evaluate the Plan elements and maintain our current pace of review. We look forward to our October 9th Commission meeting when we will be briefed by DPD staff on the current draft.

Please contact either of us or Vanessa Murdock, Planning Commission Executive Director at Vanessa.murdock@seattle.gov, telephone: 733-9271.

Sincerely



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