

## Dear Friend,

A lot has happened since our last communication and I wanted to update you on everything that has happened in the past month.

On Thursday, January 28, the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) recommended to the Seattle Hearing Examiner that Seattle Children's hospital should be allowed to expand, doubling the number of beds between now and 2030. This is excellent news for everyone involved in supporting the expansion of Children's.

The DPD recommendation includes many compromises that reflect Children's nearly two years of discussion and ideas with the community, including:

- Limiting total development to 2.4 million square feet
- Limiting maximum building heights to 140 feet (as expressed in Alternative 7R)
- Replacing the 136 homes at Laurelon Terrace elsewhere in the area before the complex is demolished
- Maintaining at least 41 percent of the site as open space
- Creating a plan to ease construction impacts
- Building and working with the city road and transit improvements on and near the site
- Enhancing its alternative-transportation plan to get single-driver car use to no more than 30 percent of employees (currently at 38%)

Read more about the recommendations by DPD, by visiting the Seattle Real Estate Blog on the Seattle Post-Intelligencer [Web site](#).

But, that's not all!

After 26 public meetings, the Citizen's Advisory Committee completed its final report and recommendations and recommended that the city should adopt Alternative 7R for the plan for growth of the hospital.

Read the CAC's final report [here](#).



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The city of Seattle Hearing Examiner began its review of the proposed expansion on Monday, March 2 and continued throughout the week. Dozens and dozens of supporters took the time to attend and gave powerful testimonies about why the hospital should grow and why Alternative 7R is the best option for growth. Read more in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer's story [here](#).

The following MIMP video was shared with the hearing examiner on Thursday, March 5 as part of the master plan process. The video was prepared by Children's to help illustrate the need to grow by showing the challenges of its current facilities, and the strain often felt by patients, families and staff due to increasingly high patient volumes. To view the video, visit <http://masterplan.seattlechildrens.org/>.

This is all great news and on behalf of the Steering Committee for Friends of Children's Hospital, we thank you for all of your letters, testimonies and support!

Seattle City Council is the final step in this process and it is expected to begin later this spring. Stay tuned!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions

Thank you,

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