

# Laurelhurst Community Club

Serving 2800 Households in Seattle's Laurelhurst Neighborhood

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Dear Ms. Seversen:

We appreciate that fact that University Village is attempting to deal with the overcrowding in its parking lots. However, after reviewing your August 19, 1998 memorandum to University Village merchants and their corporate offices, we are concerned that the Village does not appreciate the extent to which Village parking intrudes upon the surrounding neighborhoods. This is a problem that the August memo does not adequately address.

It is our understanding that the Village employs 1200 people plus an additional three hundred who work at QFC, whose arrival times are spread throughout the day. While employees are only a small fraction of the 6.5 million people who visit the Village throughout the year, addressing parking needs for these 1500 people is an important stop in developing a transportation management plan.

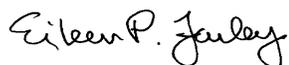
In your August memorandum you state that employees are not allowed to park in the University Village or at QFC. You do not say where they can park, other than in the one spot allocated to each business in the area behind Bartell Drugs.

Your February, 1998 Employee Transportation Brochure instructs employees to park in the University of Washington's E1 lot. We have received copies of correspondence from the University to the Village asking you to tell Village employees not to park in that location. If employees park in the University's lot student parking spills over into Laurelhurst. If employees park on the residential streets surrounding the Village, the neighborhood streets are seriously congested. This presents serious safety concerns on Blakeley since there are no pedestrian crosswalks, curbs or sidewalks on that street.

The communities impacted by the expansion in the Village need you to adequately address employee parking, provide incentives for carpooling and to support increased transit alternatives. We hope to have the opportunity to work with you on these and other issues as part of your upcoming master plan. We would also like the opportunity to work with you on issue even before preparation of the master plan begins.

We hope to hear from you soon.

Very truly yours,



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