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Councilmember Abel Pacheco
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Dear Councilmember Pacheco,

On behalf of the Housing Development Consortium of Seattle-King County (HDC), thank you for this opportunity to comment on the comprehensive plan amendment that has been submitted to the city by the Public Stadium Authority (PSA) and Public Facilities District (PFD). The amendment would allow for the creation of a Stadium District. We would like to express our support for the creation of a Stadium District, and particularly highlight our support for considering the creation of affordable homes in the new zone.

HDC is a non-profit membership association representing 180 cross-sector non-profit developers, architects, service providers and public partners who are dedicated to the vision that all people should live in a safe, healthy, and affordable home in a community of opportunity. Our members would be excited by the prospect of new opportunities for housing development and community improvement projects that a Stadium District would enable.

A new stadium district would allow changes to current zoning that promote a mixed-use area that includes retail, improved streets, sidewalks, and workforce housing. We are particularly encouraged by the inclusion of workforce housing at the state's WOSCA site. The site which was used for the staging of the SR 99 tunnel should be made available as surplus land for mixed use development by 2020. We believe the proactive step of the formation of a new District is timely considering the continued shortage of affordable and workforce housing. It also provides an opportunity to capitalize upon the recent transportation investments in and near the District, to enable walkability and a livable place for people of moderate-income levels.

Recently, HDC hosted learning opportunities around the redevelopment of the Armory Site in the Interbay Neighborhood, which garnered considerable interest. From this and other recent experience convening members and other community partners around the WSCC expansion, among other efforts, we believe that there is considerable interest in the creation of a Stadium District within and beyond the affordable housing sector. I encourage you to earnestly consider and lend your support to advancing these efforts.

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Thank you again for the opportunity to comment. We look forward to continuing to work with you on ensuring that Seattle remains an affordable community for people of all incomes.

Sincerely,



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