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**Subject:** Madrona School Application

To whom it may concern –

We are writing in regard to the Madrona School application to build a school at 11478 North Madison Avenue NE. We strongly feel this proposal is out of scale for the neighborhood and the application should be denied or scaled down.

Placing the school at this location further complicates an already difficult traffic situation along North Madison. Commuters frequently use North Madison as a shortcut when Highway 305 is backed up. Large trucks also use North Madison as a bypass when traffic is heavy. Wait times for south bound traffic on North Madison to get through the traffic signal at 305 and Sportsman Club Road can be significant during the morning rush hour. All of this on a street that has no sidewalks, only a narrow bike lane on the uphill, east side of the road, and no on-street parking allowed. Pedestrians and cyclists are at risk on this road already. Adding more cars, many of whom are likely in a hurry, only puts them more at risk.

The proposed school will generate dozens, if not hundreds, of trips per weekday to and from the school. Nearly two trips for each student, teacher, and administrator each day, since there are no transit options to this location. Their traffic pattern will not follow the norm as they will be coming from all points on the island. Instead of creating yet another, and new, focal point for travel, the school administration should consider a location closer to the other hubs of activity on the island. It is good planning policy to cluster like activities, and there must be plenty of locations near existing schools and churches where the school could locate.

The proposed 400 seat auditorium included in the proposal is also deeply concerning. Simply eliminating that from the Madrona School plan would mitigate the specter of upwards of 100 cars trying to navigate to and from events, with only a couple dozen parking spaces provided on the school grounds. Where will these cars park? If it follows the norm of behavior on the island, drivers will simply park along the road, forcing pedestrians into traffic and violating the privacy of the home owners and renters along the route. Events could occur on nights and weekends, significantly impacting the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. There seems to be no reason to justify such a large event space for a K-8 school. Instead the school could rent space at other available venues on the island if needed.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the Madrona School application. We would like to be kept informed of any further decisions or notifications regarding this process.

Sincerely,

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