



City of Seattle
Office of the Mayor

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To Diane Sugimura, Director, Department of Planning and Development
From Mayor Mike McGinn
Subject **Roosevelt station area building heights**

Diane,

This is to follow up on our earlier discussion on Roosevelt zoning issues. Since before taking office, I have been listening to community input on potential heights and up zones. I have also had time to reflect on the briefing you provided.

At this time, I believe the city needs to take towers "off the table". Towers do not appear consistent with expectations for this neighborhood. At the same time, I believe that given the significant investment in light rail, and the potential for good neighborhood-scale development, the city needs to take a closer look at heights above 40 feet, such as 65 and 85 feet.

I look forward to DPD coming forward with new proposals to reflect this direction, and give the council a broader range of choices. The decisions we make now will be in place for a while. It is important to set the stage for good transit-oriented development.

I appreciate all of the thoughtful work you and your staff have done on this issue.

Mike McGinn
Mayor