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I think that the Staff has done a very good job with its December 13 draft plan text.

Following up on my comments at the last public meeting, I think the draft's proposed approach to the village centers is well thought out and should be included in the final proposal. It lays out a community-oriented vision for the village centers which is consistent with Bob Simon's original vision and with the public's expressed desire to introduce community-gathering spaces and new attractions at the village centers. At the same time, it prescribes a plan-amendment process for redeveloping the village centers, which will assure the opportunity for full community consultation and participation when the owner of a center is willing to undertake the process. The experience with the Lake Anne Village Center shows how powerfully the community is protected by that process even as it allows a creative solution to the inadequacy of existing village center designs.

The Staff should resist any requests that it may receive for revisions to the work of the Phase I Task Force. That Task Force spent 4 years studying the issues and developing its recommendations, in a very balanced and public process.

Thank you.  
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