

Resolution Opposing Proposed Magnuson Park Lease and Lease Amendment Which Would Limit Public Shoreline Access

WHEREAS the 46th District Democrats are committed to protecting our natural environment for ourselves and future generations; have a tradition of leadership on local issues; and have historically supported “green” development of Magnuson Park to optimize open space and shoreline access for the benefit of all taxpayers and citizens; and

WHEREAS Ravenhurst LLC, dba Building 11 LLC, holds a lease for Magnuson Park Building 11, signed by then-Mayor Greg Nickels on Oct. 8, 2008, promising a mix of tenants offering *recreational programs* including sailing, kayaking, and other water-related activities; and

WHEREAS Building 11 LLC now seeks City approval of a lease amendment which, among other provisions, would dedicate 11,000 square feet of outdoor space within 200’ feet of the waterfront for exclusive use by a private daycare center, thus severely limiting public access to a significant portion of this waterfront area; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the private daycare center, the tenant mix proposed by Building 11 LLC includes an anchor tenant, Virginia Mason Pediatrics Clinic, which is not a recreation-oriented entity; and

WHEREAS Virginia Mason Pediatrics Clinic and the daycare center are likely to draw clients from throughout the metropolitan area, thus further limiting public access to the lake front; and

WHEREAS, under the Shoreline Management Act, public waterfront is dedicated to water-related activities available to the entire public; and under the deed that provided Magnuson Park to the City of Seattle the site must be dedicated to park and recreation uses in perpetuity;

WHEREAS the lease held by Building 11 LLC has not provided the promised recreational programs nor any other tangible benefit to the City; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 46th District Democrats call upon Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn and the Seattle City Council to oppose the proposed lease amendment; and to use this occasion to terminate the existing lease agreement with Building 11 LLC and resume sole control of Magnuson Park Building 11.

Adopted March 17, 2011, by the 46th District Democrats

(Initiated by Gail Chiarello, PCO 46th District Democrats)