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Tom Rasmussen, Chair Parks and Center Committee  
Richard Conlin, Vice-Chair  
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RE: CB 116145 ordinance re Fort Lawton Historic District to be before this Committee, June 10, 2008

We have worked as a community stakeholder in the processes to refine the designations and regulations of use for the Fort Lawton Historic District as it passes from City property to new ownership. We have worked with Karen Gordon and other stakeholders in the project and have found the process a good one with effective outcomes.

Therefore:

We urge you to pass the proposed ordinance (CB 116145) that will be in front of you June 10, 2008, which allows the Landmarks Preservation Board to develop specific guidelines that make the Chapel in the Pines (now a designated addition to the Historic District) an official part of the District and aligns the District boundaries with the National Historic Register designated boundaries.

We also feel strongly that you should also approve the part of the ordinance that allows the Landmarks Preservation Board the ability to develop specific guidelines regarding physical changes that will be allowed in the District by whomever becomes the property owner or manager.

Also, included in the ordinance is the assurance that the covenants we have been working on with the Landmarks Board will remain in force if and when this property changes hands. Your support of this work is mandatory to protect the character and stability of this most historic development.

**Thank you for your consideration of this matter, we feel sure you will see the good reasoning in supporting this ordinance.**

**Monica Wooton  
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**C: Stella Chao, Director, Department of Neighborhoods  
Timothy Gallagher, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation  
Karen Gordon, Director Landmarks Board City of Seattle  
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