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Via Electronic Mail (emailtheboard@soundtransit.org)

Dear Sound Transit Board Members and Staff:

We the undersigned, collectively and emphatically oppose any and all options to build a station on 5th Avenue.

Any station on 5th Avenue is a gross misappropriation of land from people of color and encroaches on one-third of an already historically marginalized district's footprint. A footprint that has been chipped away by devastating transportation projects. The construction of I-5 took away land from hardworking Asian American citizens and disjointed the district. The construction of the bus tunnel further eroded our neighborhood.

The Chinatown-International District has borne the brunt of damaging transportation projects and urban development for far too long. ENOUGH.

We have been told repeatedly that 5th Avenue options must remain in the DEIS for process reasons. This CANNOT be used as cover to continue to develop options that would threaten the heart of what Mayor Harrell has called a "gem" of Seattle. The community deserves and demands absolute transparency.

We demand Sound Transit comply with direction from its own Board, and halt ALL work and studies associated with 5th Avenue.

In Unison,
Transit Equity for All
Historic South Downtown
OCA Asian Pacific American Advocates of Greater Seattle
Asian & Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation
Chinatown-International District Business Improvement Area
Friends of Little Saigon
Sharon Tomiko Santos, WA State Representative 37th Legislative District
Chinese Information Service Center
Chong Wa Benevolent Association
International Community Health Services
Seattle Chinatown-International District Preservation Development Authority
InterimCDA
Asian Counseling and Referral Service
Seniors in Action
Historic Chinatown Gate Foundation

Friends of Chinatown
United Hub
Japanese American Museum of Seattle
Panama Hotel
Asian Pacific Islander Coalition Advocating Together for Health
Chinatown International District Community Watch
Uwajimaya
Kau Kau BBQ Restaurant
Mak Fai Kung Fu Dragon & Lion Dance Association
Baegopa
Pacific Corporation
Chihara Architect
Coho RE Group LLC
Chen Construction Inc.
Hop Sing Tong
Lung Kong Tin Yee Family Association
Village Teacher
Communita House
Storied Journeys
Chinese Student Association- University of Washington
Good Foot Arts Collective
WPI Real Estate
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MG2 Foundation
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