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Mr. Sumeer Singla
Precinct Liaison Attorney
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Re: Public safety and nuisance issues related to 1001 Fairview Avenue North

Dear Mr. Singla,

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center is very concerned about repeated and dangerous public safety and nuisance issues associated with the property at 1001 Fairview Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109, which houses Citrus nightclub.

As you may know, Fred Hutch's campus is located directly across Fairview from this property. Our campus, shared with the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, is comprised of 15+ acres, with 13 buildings and more than 1.5 million square feet of lab and office space. There are approximately 7,000 employees and non-employees, including hundreds of patients receiving cancer treatment, on our campus. Our campus operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, and we have personnel continuously on site.

Fewer than 40 percent of Fred Hutch's employees drive a single occupant vehicle to work, which means we have many staff and faculty walking, bicycling or making transit connections in the South Lake Union neighborhood. We also have high volumes of pedestrian traffic moving through and to our campus, from folks attending meetings to patients walking to and from the treatment clinic. In addition, our campus includes a childcare facility serving more than 125 children.

Because of this vibrant, active campus environment, and the 24/7 nature of research, it is especially concerning that the nuisance and safety issues with 1001 Fairview Ave North have begun to spill into and impact our campus. One of our primary missions is to provide a safe and secure campus for all employees, patients and visitors no matter the time of day, and this is becoming increasingly difficult because of the property at 1001 Fairview Avenue North.

Since January 2012, there have been multiple reports of gunfire and shootings originating from the 1001 Fairview property, as well as other complaints, from illegal parking on our campus to discarded weapons and broken bottles left on our property. Following is a synopsis of incidents beginning in January 2012 that warranted listing in our Daily Activity Records log:

- January 28, 2012: Multiple shots fired, three persons shot and two vehicle windshields shattered by gunfire. Victims were in Fairview parking lot. Weapon recovered in bushes on FHCRC property next to Thomas building.
- August 3, 2012: Group of six individuals observed drinking alcohol and smoking suspected marijuana next to Lea warehouse. Security contacted persons and advised they could not be

next to building. Initially aggressive in their response to security group eventually left and proceeded into 1001 Fairview Ave N.

- August 4, 2012: Shots fired from unknown persons exiting 1001 Fairview Ave N. Originally thought to be firecrackers later confirmed by SPD as gunshots; 9mm bullet found on FHCRC property thought to be connected to gunshots and taken as evidence by SPD.
- August 16, 2012: Two ambulances observed in front of 1001 Fairview Ave N @ closing time; unknown reason for ambulance call.
- October 13, 2012: Illegal parking in posted Fairview parking lot. When occupants were informed by security this was private property and vehicle could not park there, four occupants ignored instructions by security and proceeded to 1001 Fairview Ave N.
- November 1, 2012: SPD gang unit vehicle observed in parking lot at 1001 Fairview Ave. N.
- November 10, 2012: Illegal parking in posted Fairview parking lot. Persons advised it was private property but ignored security and proceeded to 1001 Fairview Ave N. Another group of individuals observed smoking and loitering in front of PHS garage entrance. Were advised to move along and proceeded to 1001 Fairview Ave N.
- November 24, 2012: Shots fired from middle of Fairview Ave toward 1001 Fairview Ave N. with shooter(s) seen fleeing E/B onto FHCRC property. One suspect shot by police on sidewalk above Fairview parking lot and taken into custody. Second person was observed fleeing through campus – SPD conducted sweep of area with negative results.

Fred Hutch appreciates the City's commitment to safety for its citizens, and we look forward to timely resolution of this situation. We request a response with your specific plan to address this growing public safety situation.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Mayor Mike McGinn
Bruce Harrell, Seattle City Councilmember, Chair
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