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Dear Seattle City Council members:

As Chris Hansen's partners in the SoDo Arena project, we are writing to respectfully urge the City Council to approve the conditional vacation of the one block stretch of Occidental Avenue needed to move the Arena project forward.

We have worked with Chris the past five years and are proud to be associated with him. Our partnership is focused on making this new Arena a civic asset that not only Seattle will enjoy, but of which it will be proud.

In addition to dollars, years of hard work from many passionate supporters have been invested in getting the Arena project to this critical point. Our Arena proposal has been examined by the Mayor, County Executive-appointed Arena Review Panel and King County Council Expert Review Panel. An SDOT-commissioned Multi-Modal Transportation Access and Parking Study, Economic Impact Analysis, multi-year reviews by the Seattle Downtown Design Review Board and Seattle Design Commission were all positive. The extensive environmental review process identified no impacts that couldn't be mitigated and last November, the SDOT report and positive recommendation for a conditional street vacation was submitted to the City Council.

Besides providing the mitigation and substantial public benefits identified, we also look forward to entering into a Community Benefit Agreement with community organizations to address economic, transportation, parking and public safety issues related to the Arena and its operation.

We have also made a commitment that the NBA franchise that will play home games in the Arena will not only bring NBA initiatives such as NBA Cares to our region, but will also provide a strong community presence through partnerships with organizations that serve youth and underserved communities.

Finally, our commitment to equality and fairness for those who will build and work in the new Arena is reflected both in the Multi-Union Labor Peace Agreement and our pledge for meaningful engagement of Women and Minority Business Enterprises on the project.

We urge your support for the conditional street vacation and look forward to creating a great partnership with you to bring professional basketball back to Seattle.

Best Regards,

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