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I am AGAINST this development. I live, work and raise an asthmatic child in Skyway. The developer is only concerned about their own wealth, not the Skyway community members lives and the culture of the community. The fact that the residents of Skyway do not get any words or information about this public comment at all unless you have a personal connection to the community leader or live only 1/4 mile from the site tells that the Dept of Ecology and the Court are not at all taking serious effort into protecting the well-being of the community members. The level of contamination that will be uncovered by this development should be carefully examined taking into account this area's already overburdened reality, the pollution from major roadways and airways flying over the community that is readily shown by the Washington State Dept of Health's Washington Environmental Health Disparities Map. The area right next door to and across the street from the project site already has an established community garden and P-patch development plan in place and scheduled to break the ground this fall. The unearthing the contamination will detrimental effects on the garden & p-patches where community members including those who are at higher risk, including young children, youth, women of reproductive age, and elderies, will grow FOODS for their consumption. The high-rise development right east to the garden/p-patch sites will block the sun from the garden/p-patch and will negatively impact the success of the garden/p-patch project that the community has worked so long to come to fruition. The potential exposure to chemicals and the subsequent health concerns that pause on the communities who are committed to creating the lively community space/garden out of our own desire and decisions for food & social justice (vs. outsider coming to impose on us like this proposed development) will dehumanize the community members and ruin all the efforts and resources that have gone in. The development MUST NOT move forward.