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**Written Public Comment by Betty Lau, Sound Transit Executive Committee, Thursday, March 5, 2025, 10:30 AM, Union Station**

I'm Betty Lau, co-founder of Transit Equity for All and Board member of the Chong Wa Benevolent Association.

On August 11, 2025, CEO Constantine told KUOW in an interview on Soundside, "Yes, communities are going to be listened to...I have relationships and the history here to be able to re-direct the operations, the structure? [unclear], and work with the political leaders around the region to bring us to consensus around new directions...."

KUOW Libby Denkman: "So you're saying your experience brings benefits?"

CEO Dow: "It actually helps...We are going to be very focused on avoiding negative impacts."

These were extraordinary statements of commitment to race and social justice and the ridership of the region, especially to communities of color impacted by light rail. It gives me hope and comfort that under CEO Dow's direction, the region, especially communities of color in the CID, will thrive from light rail planning and construction instead of withering away from being bypassed and ignored in favor of building new neighborhoods.

Therefore, I propose that Motion No. M2026-09, adopting performance goals and objectives for Sound Transit CEO Dow Constantine, include goals and objectives that ensure communities are being listened to (his words of promise).

Performance goals and objectives also need to demonstrate that negative impacts, such as those caused to the region by the North and South of CID preferred alternatives, are being avoided, as promised by CEO Dow Constantine in his KUOW interview.

Thank you.