



Historic District on the Ave

Demolition is Forever

Like natural resources, cultural resources are finite and once destroyed, are lost forever. **The Ave** is a worthy **historic district** and should be preserved as our 'main street' -- so vital to our community.

The Challenge

High-rise buildings up to 20-30 stories are now under construction in the core area surrounding the Ave. With the first upzone in 2017, we negotiated a delay along the Ave to study its impacts to small businesses and the buildings that host them.

Maintaining the current building height limit of 65' will preserve the human-scaled, vibrant environment that nurtures our unique small businesses, preserves our historic buildings, and reduces residential and commercial displacement.

History

The Ave became a commercial street after a trolley line was installed by pioneer David Denny in 1891, thus remaining pedestrian-oriented and accessible by horse and buggy. It became a compact and vital main street for the U District by the 1929 Crash.

At present, 80% of the buildings between NE 41st and 50th streets were built by 1930 or are otherwise significant. A historic district designation would help retain that streetscape while connecting pedestrians of all ages and abilities with living history.

With the opening of the U District light rail station in 2021, we welcome greater density, wishing only to complement it with a worthy destination full of 'third places'.

Action

Our community is pursuing a local historic district designation for five blocks on the Ave to preserve one of Seattle's unique commercial streets and we need your support.

Please subscribe, sign our petition, donate and volunteer to make it happen.

Other Seattle neighborhoods already have protected commercial districts, like Ballard Avenue, Pioneer Square, Columbia City, & Pike Place Market.

Let's add the Ave and show how we can welcome growth while also preserving the cultural legacy of our neighborhood for present and future generations to enjoy.

Help us **Save the Ave!**

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