

**Resolution Regarding Saving the Charlestown Café**

Passed by the 34<sup>th</sup> District Democrats

12 September 2007

WHEREAS, the Charlestown Café , located at the southeast corner of California Ave SW and SW Charlestown St., has for seventeen years been a popular restaurant in the neighborhood serving meals and snacks to 3,500 - 4,000 people per week; and

WHEREAS, it is also an established center of the local community for social events and general socializing; and

WHEREAS, the landlord, Rainier Property Management, is planning to tear it down and replace it with a new commercial building; and

WHEREAS, the plans of that landlord and the developer, Madison Development, include replacing the café with a Petco “big box” building; and

WHEREAS, this location is in the midst of a residential neighborhood with many schools and churches nearby,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we oppose Rainier Property plans to erect a Petco “big box” building on the site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT we encourage Rainier Property Management to incorporate a spot for the Charlestown Café in its plans to develop that location; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the 34th District Democrats be encouraged to let their feelings be known to our elected representatives, to Rainier Property Management, Madison Development and Charlestown Café .