

# Exhibit 5

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Recommendation of the Park Board on  
petition of the, Lincoln P.T.A. for playground site  
near Lincoln High School, as follows:

Said location is a very necessary and fine  
place for a Community Play Field for small children.

Adopted, May 28, 1924.

Seattle, Washington,  
June 9, 1924

The Honorable City Council  
City of Seattle:

The Lincoln Parent-Teacher Association desires to call your attention to the following conditions:

Building statistics show that during the past four years the Wallingford Hill district has grown the most rapidly of any in the city and because of the class of residents occupying it, it has become essentially a district of "homes".

The child population of this district has increased with corresponding rapidity. The Interlake grade school has an enrollment of about 1100 pupils. Lincoln High School now has about 1600 students and the new Junior Highschool to be erected during the coming year is expected to accommodate more than a thousand. Conservative estimates show that by the time the Junior High School is completed, there will be a total of more than 4,000 pupils attending schools situated within a radius of about three blocks.

None of these schools have sufficient playground - in fact at the Interlake school all the children attending could scarcely stand in solid formation upon the school grounds. At present the situation is cared for by the use of what is known as the Densmore Field, which is the site for the Junior Highschool, but when building operations begin on it this fall the district will be left with no play field nearer than Lower Woodland Park, University play field and B.F.Day field.

While Lower Woodland is used by the high school for organized athletic activities, it is too far away from the district for the younger children to be able to use it. The vacant lots that once afforded a chance for unorganized play have all been built upon until there is nothing left but the streets.

At present there is but one tract centrally located which is not entirely built over and this is the block between Wallingford and Densmore Avenues and 42 and 43 Streets N., and unless some immediate action is taken to secure this for a play field, this will be built over in the near future.

In view of these conditions, we respectfully request that you take the necessary steps to purchase this property for a playfield for the younger children of this district. The investment of the amount of money necessary to acquire this land will be repaid many times to the city in the better health and better citizenship of the children of this district.

Respectfully,

Mrs. H. O. Stone  
President, Lincoln P.T.A.

Mrs. D. E. Drusheller  
Chairman, Recreation Committee