

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON

**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF COUNCIL DECISION**

In re the Appeal of the March 25, 2022, Corrected Decision of the Hearing Examiner, approving the project of MA Center PNW; a Conditional Use Permit for a religious service facility; File No. 19-104584 CUP for property located at 23110 75<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Woodinville, WA 98072.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on May 25, 2022, and continued to May 31, 2022, a closed record appeal hearing in this matter was held and the County Council directed staff to draft a written motion upholding the Hearing Examiner's corrected decision.

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that on June 1, 2022, the Snohomish County Council approved a written motion consistent with the oral direction provided at the May 31, 2022, closed record appeal hearing, attached hereto as Council Motion No. 22-239.

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that unless otherwise provided by law any person having standing who wishes to appeal this decision must do so by filing a land use petition in Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 36.70C RCW and SCC 30.72.130.

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that affected property owners may request the Snohomish County Assessor to make a change in valuation for property tax purposes notwithstanding any program of revaluation.

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022.



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Debbie Eco, CMC  
Clerk of the Council

E-Mailed: June 1, 2022  
U.S. Mailed: June 2, 2022

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 22-239

AFFIRMING THE HEARING EXAMINER'S DECISION IN THE CLOSED RECORD  
APPEAL OF MA CENTER PNW, FILE NO. 19-104584 CUP

WHEREAS, Mata Amritanandamayi (MA Center) applied to Snohomish County for approval of a conditional use permit (CUP) for a religious service facility in unincorporated Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, the Snohomish County Hearing Examiner ("Hearing Examiner") held an open record hearing on January 25, 2022, and February 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Hearing Examiner issued a decision on February 25, 2022, that was corrected on March 25, 2022, denying an appeal of a threshold determination of nonsignificance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and approving the CUP subject to conditions; and

WHEREAS, Appellants Darlene Jones and Wellington Hills Neighbors appealed the decision of the Hearing Examiner to the County Council under SCC 30.72.070 on April 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, some of appellants' appeal issues allege error associated with the Hearing Examiner's decision to affirm the DNS issued under SEPA and the SEPA appeal process; and

WHEREAS, the County Council summarily dismissed Appeal Issue 1 and Appeal Issues 5 and 6 in part and to the extent related to SEPA appeal issues or process based on Council's lack of jurisdiction over SEPA appeals through Motion No. 22-174 on April 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Council held a closed record appeal hearing on May 25, 2022, and May 31, 2022, to consider the remaining appeal issues; and

WHEREAS, after considering the appeal based upon the record and the argument of the appellants, the applicant, and several parties of record, the County Council approves a motion to affirm the Hearing Examiner's March 25, 2022, corrected decision, with certain findings and conclusions described below.

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION:

Section 1. The Snohomish County Council makes the following findings of fact and conclusions:

1. The County Council adopts the findings and conclusions of the Hearing Examiner in the March 25, 2022, corrected decision regarding MA Center PWN, File No. 19-104584 CUP.
2. The County Council adopts the findings and conclusions of the Hearing Examiner in the March 25, 2022, order denying petition for reconsideration regarding MA Center PWN, File No. 19-104584 CUP.
3. The County Council understands how appellants and members of the public perceive footnote 8 of the decision to be gratuitous. However, after careful consideration of the content of the footnote in light of the entire record, the Council finds and concludes that the Hearing Examiner did not act inappropriately in reviewing prior decisions regarding uses proximate and similar to the MA Center, and did not exhibit bias that would cause the Hearing Examiner to misapply the applicable County Code requirements to the CUP application.

Section 2. The County Council hereby affirms the decision of the Hearing Examiner dated March 25, 2022, in the matter of MA Center PNW, File No. 19-104584.

DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2022.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL  
Snohomish County, Washington

  
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Council Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk of the Council