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Good morning. I am writing on behalf of the Excelsior District Improvement Association (EDIA), a neighborhood non-profit, to express our support for the proposed restroom to be constructed at the Crocker Amazon Playground.

We are not in a position to argue the relative merits of Crocker Amazon's needs versus other facilities- it seems to us fairly self-evident that in most circumstances a children's playground should have a restroom. However, we would like to point out that due to the limited number of playgrounds with restroom facilities that are available in our district, the wide area that Crocker Amazon draws from, the many non-driving grandparents and other older adults that seem to bring multiple children to the park, and the distance to other available facilities, make the importance of a restroom located at the playground compelling.

The (new) Crocker Amazon playground has been a huge success across several neighborhoods and communities, and we strongly recommend that you take this step to make a more usable, comfortable, complete facility.

Excelsior District Improvement Association

by Robert Katz, Member, Board of Directors