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February 3, 2009

The Honorable Joan McGilton
Mayor of Burien
15811 Ambaum Blvd SW, Suite C
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Dear Mayor McGilton,

As you are aware, King County Fire District # 2, the Burien / Normandy Park Fire Department, recently passed a \$25 million dollar construction bond for two new fire stations. The department is in the final stages of site selection and requests assistance from the city for property acquisition in downtown Burien. The department has considered numerous sites and has had several discussions with city staff regarding city owned parcels. The municipal property located at 634 SW 151st stands out as the most logical site to accommodate a new downtown fire station. This property is currently used as a municipal parking lot.

We ask the city to consider a couple of options in our efforts to obtain this property.

Option one:

The district would agree to purchase the property outright at fair market value.

Option two:

The current fire station located at 15100 8th Ave SW will become obsolete to the department once the new station is operational. It would then be available for city purchase and we would establish the fair market value of both the fire station and parking lot to determine the financial exchange. This option provides an opportunity to form a partnership and use both properties in a manner representing the best interests of the community.

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The district appreciates your assistance to acquire this property and the opportunity to negotiate terms in the best interest of our community. As you are aware, the district has been committed to assisting the city on a number of occasions and during a variety of projects. An example is the recently agreed property tax abatement, thus assuring success of the new town center project. The tax abatement program resulted in a loss to the fire district of approximately \$1 million dollars in tax revenue over ten years; however, the Town Center project was of extreme importance to the city and support of the project was a commitment on our behalf to both the city and the community. The district strongly believes the city's commitment for a fire station in downtown Burien, is no less important. In fact, we do not envision anything of greater importance than public safety to a revitalized downtown.

The Board of Commissioners looks forward to your support, partnership and commitment to this project in addition to future issues, such as annexation and disaster planning and response.

Sincerely,



Gary Hobbick, Chairman
Board of Commissioners
King County Fire District # 2

Cc: Burien City Council
Mike Martin, Burien City Manager