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Councilmember Peter von Reichbauer
516 Third Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

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Dear Councilmember von Reichbauer,

The Eastside Human Services Forum (EHSF) would like to share its support for the past Veterans and Human Services Levy and encourage the continuation of the funding and services. EHSF is a coalition of human service providers, funders, local elected officials, schools, public health and hospitals, and faith-based communities whose mission is to *foster strong public and private partnerships for a stable network of health and human services for the benefit of all East King County residents.*

Thanks to the accountability and oversight of the current levy, we have a wide range of services that we know are working to support our county's veterans, seniors and survivors of domestic violence. We also know that the need is growing within our communities. With reductions in federal, state and private funding, services that help seniors thrive is decreasing, while the number of seniors, including low income seniors, is increasing. We need to apply the knowledge gained over the past five years and provide these successful supports to our community members in need.

When we support policies and funding that ensures well-being for all of our residents, no matter their age, we make sure that everyone can reach their potential and fully contribute to our communities. When the building materials for well-being are not available, people and communities may have difficulty weathering life's storms. This is why Eastside Human Services Forum supports and recommends the renewal and expansion of the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy.

Kind Regards,

Byron Shutz,

Chair, Board of Directors, Eastside Human Services Forum

Letter of support confirmed by a super-majority of EHSF Board Members.

The mission of Eastside Human Services Forum is to foster strong public and private partnerships to assure a stable network of health and human services for the benefit of all East King County residents.

Handed to clerk at 6/28/17 BFM meeting. Copies given to all council members