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City of Bothell

December 4, 2002

The Honorable Ron Sims King County Executive King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Room 400 Seattle, WA 98184

Dear Executive Sims:

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Per Karen Reed's request, this letter is to acknowledge Bothell's support for King County consideration for transferring ownership and operations of the Northshore Pool to the Northwest Center by January 1, 2003, if possible. The Bothell City Council has discussed the Northwest Center's proposal on two separate occasions and, at its regular meeting of December 2, 2002, received an update confirming the Northwest Center's intent to move forward with a negotiated agreement regarding this facility with King County, the cities of Bothell and Woodinville, and the Northshore School District.

The Northwest Center's latest proposal to the City of Bothell indicated a need for local jurisdictions to contribute \$100,000 annually to the estimated operating subsidy for the Northshore Pool. The Bothell City Council has previously authorized staff to negotiate an agreement with the Northwest Center that would include an operating subsidy contribution from Bothell of \$50,000 annually, up to a maximum of 3 years. It is our understanding that the City of Woodinville and the Northshore School District have each committed to negotiating a contribution level of \$25,000 annually, also up to a maximum of 3 years. This commitment of operating subsidy contributions for 3 years will provide time for the entire Northshore area to take a look at the region's long term aquatics, as well as other parks and recreation needs in order to determine if the community wants to continue to support the existing Northshore Pool or a more comprehensive and cost effective alternative.

It is Bothell staff's intent to request that the City Council finalize the agreement with the Northwest Center through the adoption of a formal interlocal at its regular meeting of December 16, 2002.

Sincerely,

Jim Thompson City Manager

cc: Bothell Mayor and City Council

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