



**SHORELINE CITY COUNCIL**

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November 21, 2023

Shannon Braddock  
Deputy County Executive  
King County  
401 Fifth Avenue, Suite 800  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Ms. Braddock,

On behalf of the City of Shoreline, I am writing to express our support for King County choosing to accept a generous donation from a Shoreline property owner, located at 1514 NE 146<sup>th</sup> and 1520 NE 146<sup>th</sup> St, Shoreline, WA 98155, for the purpose of advancing our region's efforts to tackle our many behavioral health challenges. This support emerges from the long, collaborative and productive partnership that the City has had with King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) over the past several years. Together, we made it possible for 100 new units of permanent supportive housing to open here in Shoreline. St. Margaret's Place, developed and managed by Catholic Housing Services, was only possible because the City donated the land and DCHS led the effort to secure grant funding and overall project management.

The City and DCHS also created the partnership that led to the establishment of the North King County Enhanced Shelter at The Oaks, which has demonstrably improved the lives of those who have lived there and created an important new pathway out of homelessness. And we are deeply grateful for the hard work, creativity, and support of DCHS staff as we worked with our five-city coalition partners (Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Bothell and Kirkland) on the process that led to the successful funding and siting of Connection's Crisis Response Center in Kirkland. We look forward to future work together as DCHS begins implementation of the recently approved crisis care levy.

Regarding the proposed donation of land to King County, it is our understanding that the grant includes the following stipulation:

*In consideration of the gift and grant and conveyance of the Gift Property, Donee [King County] shall diligently pursue and endeavor to develop, complete, and construct a regional behavioral health facility on the Real Property associated with the donated interests. Regional behavioral health facilities are those that provide therapeutic responses to behavioral health crises, provide treatment for substance use disorders and mental health conditions, or otherwise promote mental health and wellbeing and integrated physical and behavioral health care. Regional behavioral health facilities may include permanent supportive housing or behavioral health residential treatment, which promotes housing stability for persons with behavioral health and other disabilities. The site should be used for such purposes for at least 50 years from the time of*

*the execution of this agreement. If the Donee determines that development of such a facility is not feasible or the facility reaches the end of its lifecycle, then the sales proceeds from the disposition of the Gift Property shall fund a regional behavioral health facility at another location. Donor agrees this includes constructing a new facility or funding an existing facility at a different location through capital improvements or operations, as applicable.*

We are touched by the generosity of the donor, and we are supportive of the gift as characterized in this passage. Shoreline is committed to working with King County over the coming months and years to bring a project to life on this site, including providing clear information to King County as project lead, as you navigate land use codes, permitting, and community engagement needs. We are, of course, obligated as the land use regulator to ensure that all applicable processes are followed, and we are confident that, by doing so, King County will achieve the desired outcome.

We are proud of the collaboration and partnership we have built over the years, and we look forward to working together for years to come, as we strive to serve our community as effectively as possible.

Sincerely,



John Norris  
Acting City Manager