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Shelly Marelli
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Dear Shelly,

I would like to add my support to the request that the horse park currently under construction north of the Trilogy development be named the Kathryn Taylor Equestrian Park.

This is appropriate for several reasons. Since the founding of the King County Executive Horse Council in 1988, until her death in July of 2001, Kathryn had been a strong force for the equestrian cause. She spoke to County Councilmembers, city officials, state legislators, and staff.

Although the Horse Council is not only the effort of one person, to a large extent it was Kathryn's leadership, vision, and persistence which finally led to the realization of both the county and several cities, that the needs of equestrians should be addressed. As a result, there is trail's language in both county and city planning documents. Equestrian Communities have been recognized with protections aimed toward their stated goal "The Ability to Keep and Ride" their horses.

As for the proposed equestrian park, in large part its very existence is due to Kathryn's efforts. She was the one who initially proposed the idea and lobbied with the developers to include it in their proposal. She suggested the idea to council members and spoke in support of the park at many public meetings.

There are so many places where you can see Kathryn's influence, from the wooden bridge entering the Redmond Watershed to the horse zoning language for the city of SeaTac, from the public equestrian trails around Tuscany to the addition of equestrian trails language in the Public Benefit Rating System... Kathryn left a legacy for all!

I feel that naming this park after Kathryn will bestow an honor on her and the accomplishments she made for equestrians.

Sincerely,

Kathy Lambert

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