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Dear Executive Constantine and Council Chair McDermott:

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Historic Seattle enthusiastically writes in support of King County acquiring and assisting the Friends of Mukai with the rehabilitation of the Mukai Barreling Plant on Vashon Island. For 43 years, Historic Seattle has worked to protect the region’s architectural heritage through educational programs, advocacy and the preservation of buildings and cultural landscapes. Through our work we make our collective history personal and relevant. Historic Seattle pledges to continue to assist the Friends of Mukai with the development and rehabilitation of this highly significant property.

As you are aware, the Mukai House, Garden and Barreling Plant is a uniquely intact, yet currently disjointed, historic site highlighting the settlement and entrepreneurial spirit of B.D. Mukai and his family during the earliest decades of the 20th century. The Friends of Mukai have worked tirelessly to re-position the House and Garden and all citizens of King County should be excited to take advantage of this truly public, valued and approachable historic resource. We encourage King County to assist and empower the Friends of Mukai to save the Barreling Plant and to reunify and interpret the entire site.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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