



VASHON-MAURY ISLAND
HERITAGE MUSEUM
DEDICATED TO THE PRESERVATION OF LOCAL HISTORY

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Dow Constantine
King County Executive
401 Fifth Ave., Ste. 800
Seattle, WA 98104

Joe McDermott
Chair, King County Council
516 Third Ave., Ste. 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: King Co. purchase of the Mukai Fruit Barreling Plant

Dear Executive Constantine and Council Chair McDermott:

I'm writing on behalf of the Vashon-Maury Island Heritage Association to support King County's purchase of the Mukai Fruit Barreling Plant on Vashon. We are very excited about this because our shared mission is to preserve historic buildings in King County. Acquiring the Barreling Plant for public use, after supporting Friends of Mukai's long and determined efforts to secure the Mukai Farmhouse, is much appreciated by our community. The history of the Japanese internment, recalled at these two important buildings and the Mukai Japanese Garden, should influence present day immigrant policies – we can only hope and work for that to happen today.

We applaud the efforts of Friends of Mukai and King County to secure and preserve these properties and we hope that any additional proceeds from the sale of the King County parcel to Frank Zellerhof will be given to Friends of Mukai to help them with the management of the Mukai site.

Sincerely yours,

Deb Phillimore

Dorothy (Deb) Phillimore
President, Vashon-Maury Island Board of Directors

