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Chuckanut Community Forest Park District
c/o John Hymas, Chair
1316 23rd Street
Bellingham, WA 98225

June 21, 2013

RE: Interlocal Agreement with the Chuckanut Community Forest Park District

Dear Chuckanut Community Forest Park District Commissioners,

I want to thank you for your efforts toward making Bellingham a great place to live, work and play. I look forward to discussing how we might work together into the future. In anticipation of this discussion, we have spent several months in thoughtful consideration of what a partnership with you might look like in order to accomplish our joint goals and best serve our community. I understand that at your June 27 meeting, you will be accepting public comments on a possible interlocal agreement with the City. In preparation for your meeting, we respectfully submit the following for your consideration.

The City is interested in pursuing an interlocal agreement with the Chuckanut Community Forest Park District under the following conditions:

1. The District will repay the \$3.2 million loan, plus interest and fees, to the Greenway Endowment Fund. Property taxes collected as a result of the District's levy, except those needed to pay the District's administrative costs, will be deposited directly into a City account.
2. The District agrees that its function is the repayment of the \$3.2 million loan.
3. The City Council will consider a legislative rezone of the Property to "Public - Park".
4. Once the District pays off the loan and the District Commissioners vote to dissolve the District, the City will record a restrictive covenant against the Property requiring it to remain as a park in perpetuity.
5. The City will retain control and ownership of the Property and will be responsible for all development and management of the Property. The City will develop the Property for parks, trails, and recreation purposes in accordance with City policy and procedures and a master plan adopted by City Council following a public process and recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
6. The City will name the Property in accordance with Park Policy, PAR 01.00.01.
7. The District will compensate the City for all administrative costs incurred by the City in support of District activities.

We look forward to meeting with you to further discuss these conditions and hear about the input you receive at your public meeting. If you have any questions about these conditions prior to your meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

James King, Director

Cc: Kelli Linville, Mayor
Robert Carmichael, Attorney