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### MEMORANDUM

**To:** Kurt Triplett, City Manager

**From:** Ellen Miller-Wolfe, Economic Development Manager

**Date:** June 6, 2013

**Subject:** 'Totem Lake Regional Center – Connections and Places', a Special Presentation of the ULI Northwest Center for Sustainable Leadership Team

This past spring, the ULI Leadership Team, a group of mid-career professionals with expertise in planning, landscape architecture, urban design, civil engineering and environmental science disciplines, volunteered to study the area of the Totem Lake Business District east of I-405 to advance the concept of "place making" that a previous ULI team had proposed. The aim of place making is to create amenities and in general, foster a pedestrian-level experience that enhances the livability of Totem Lake for its current residents and businesses, as well as helping to attract newcomers to the district.

The 2013 ULI Team, led by John Hoey, The Trust for Public Land, included Kathryn Gardow, Gardow Consulting, Skip Swenson, Forterra, Sean Canady, GGLO, and Amalia Leighton, SvR Design. The Team conceived of a number of ideas about pedestrian-level circulation, landscaping and public art that were presented at the recent Cross Kirkland Corridor Business Conversation on May 14, 2013. These ideas will be presented to the City Council for its information by John Hoey and Kathryn Gardow.

The goal is that some of the ideas presented may be analyzed further and possibly incorporated in the several plans that are being developed at this time for Totem Lake and environs such as the Totem Lake Master Plan, the Cross Kirkland Corridor Master Plan, the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan and the Transportation Master Plan.