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## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** David Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Van Ingram-Lock, Management Analyst  
John Hopfauf, Street Division Manager  
Daryl Grigsby, Public Works Director

**Date:** April 3, 2006

**Subject:** Karen Story response letter

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the attached letter to Ms. Karen Story.

### BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

Ms. Story sent a message via email in which she expressed her support and appreciation for the City's current graffiti removal efforts as well as advocated funding for a formal program in the future. She also conveyed her concern for the increase in graffiti and inquired whether youth are being consulted for their ideas.

The attached response letter was prepared explaining that during the budget preparation process this summer, staff plans to offer options to Council for a formal Anti-Graffiti Program. The ongoing program options will include ideas suggested by students at the Youth In Government Day in 2005.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Karen Story [<mailto:karen@tinyisland.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2006 7:41 AM

To: KirklandCouncil

Subject: Support for anti-graffiti program

Dear Council,

I am writing to express my support for funding of the anti-graffiti program. I have noticed a lot of graffiti lately, and I am grateful to the City for removing it.

I am concerned about the rise in graffiti. The DOT says the problem has become extremely bad for them as well. I'm sure that wise minds are working on this problem - are youth being consulted for their ideas?

Thanks!

Karen

DRAFT

April 18, 2006

Ms. Karen Story  
9017 Slater Avenue NE  
Kirkland, WA 98033

RE: CITY OF KIRKLAND'S ANTI-GRAFFITI EFFORTS

Dear Ms. Story:

Thank you for your email of March 29, 2006 expressing support for the City's anti-graffiti efforts. We have implemented a graffiti removal program since 2004 using funds from other maintenance programs. This year, it is our intent to formally develop and fund a comprehensive Anti-Graffiti Program. That program will include all we have learned over the last several months. In addition, in 2005, the City hosted its first Youth In Government Day. We bring together students from Lake Washington High School, Juanita High School and International Community School to provide input on various City programs. In 2005, the students provided input on graffiti management programs, and we will utilize their comments in developing our 2007-08 budget proposal.

If you have suggestions, staff would appreciate them. Please contact Van Ingram-Lock at (425) 587-3907 or [vlock@ci.kirkland.wa.us](mailto:vlock@ci.kirkland.wa.us). Thank you again for your interest and concern and also for expressing your appreciation for the City's anti-graffiti efforts.

Sincerely,

KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL

James L. Lauinger, Mayor

cc: Daryl Grigsby, Public Works Director  
John Hopfauf, Street Division Manager  
Van Ingram-Lock, Management Analyst