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MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Ramsay, City Manager
From: Marilynne Beard, Assistant City Manager
Date: May 14, 2007
Subject: LETTER OF RESPONSE TO ROB BUTCHER

RECOMMENDATION:

Review the attached draft response letter to Rob Butcher and authorize the mayor to sign the letter.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

Mr. Butcher wrote a letter to the Council requesting that they call for a Kirkland advisory vote on annexation.

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

From: Rob Butcher <savekirkland@gmail.com>

To: James Lauinger; Joan McBride; Mary-Alyce Burleigh; Jessica Greenway; Bob Sternoff; Dave Asher; Tom Hodgson

Sent: Wed May 02 20:53:03 2007

Subject: Request for an Advisory Vote on Annexation

Dear Kirkland City Council-members,

I would like to ask for you to authorize an advisory election on the subject of annexation to be held this Autumn, open to all citizens of Kirkland. Please inform me as soon as possible as to your position on this request.

Respectfully,

Rob Butcher
savekirkland@Gmail.com

www.SaveKirkland.com is a website run by a group of concerned citizens who are opposed to the Kirkland annexation of the PAA (Proposed Annexation Area of Kingsgate, Finn Hill and Upper Juanita). The purpose of the group is to persuade the city council to stop the annexation process.

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June 6, 2007

Rob Butcher
savekirkland@gmail.com

Dear Mr. Butcher;

Thank you for your e-mail suggesting a Kirkland advisory vote on the potential annexation of Juanita, Finn Hill and Kingsgate. As you may know, the Council has not decided whether or not to proceed with annexation but has called for further study of the subject before proceeding to an election. We have been actively soliciting input from Kirkland throughout phase one of the annexation study and will continue to do so during phase two. We have no plans to conduct an advisory vote at this time.

Like you, the City Council is concerned about the impact of annexation on its current and future residents and takes this responsibility very seriously. Much of our public outreach concerning annexation has been focused on understanding the concerns and questions of our residents. We will continue to ask for their input as we continue to study annexation and as we work through the challenges of maintaining financial health and quality services to the public.

Sincerely,

James L. Lauinger, Mayor
For the Kirkland City Council