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MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Ramsay, City Manager

From: Marilynne Beard, Assistant City Manager

Date: August 24, 2007

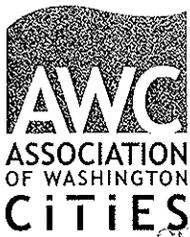
Subject: APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO ECOSYSTEM COORDINATING BOARD

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council determine whether there is interest on the Kirkland City Council to serve on behalf of the Association of Washington Cities as the city representative to the Ecosystem Coordinating Board of the Puget Sound Partnership.

BACKGROUND:

The Puget Sound Partnership was formed in 2006 to develop a new strategy to focus and finish the restoration of the Puget Sound by 2020. The Puget Sound Partnership is governed by a Leadership Council that is advised by the other bodies, one of which is the Ecosystem Coordinating Board. The Board will include one person that will represent the 112 cities adjacent to or surrounding the Puget Sound. The Association of Washington Cities is currently accepting nominations for this position which are due by September 12, 2007. A copy of the letter from the Association of Washington Cities is attached to this memorandum.



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TO: Mayors & Councilmembers in Puget Sound Cities

FROM: Stan Finkelstein, AWC Executive Director

SUBJECT: Nominations for the City Representative to the Ecosystem Coordinating Board of the Puget Sound Partnership

DATE: August 15, 2007

AWC is accepting nominations for the City Representative to the Ecosystem Coordinating Board of the newly formed Puget Sound Partnership.

Background - Puget Sound Partnership

In 1996, the Legislature created the Puget Sound Action Team (PSAT) to define, coordinate, and implement the state's agenda for restoring the environmental health of Puget Sound. Ten years later, the Legislature has merged the PSAT into a new state agency called the Puget Sound Partnership (Partnership) to develop a new strategy to focus and finish Puget Sound restoration by 2020.

The Partnership is governed by a Leadership Council. The Leadership Council will create an Action Agenda, to be adopted by September 1, 2008, that will 1) identify and assign priorities needed to get to a healthy Puget Sound by 2020; 2) name those responsible for the specific actions; and 3) identify funding.

Ecosystem Coordinating Board

The Leadership Council will be advised by a Science Panel and an Ecosystem Coordinating Board. The Science Panel will identify environmental indicators and benchmarks for incorporation into the Action Agenda.

The Ecosystem Coordinating Board will advise and assist the Leadership Council in the development and implementation of the Action Agenda. The Ecosystem Coordination Board is the "stakeholder" group consisting of twenty-seven-members, including one city official who will represent the 112 cities in the 12 counties adjacent to/surrounding the Puget Sound. AWC is soliciting nominations for this important position that will represent all of these 112 cities to the Ecosystem Coordination Board. This position is the designated city representative to the Puget Sound Partnership.

Nominations for Ecosystem Coordinating Board Position

AWC is accepting nominations of mayors and councilmembers from cities in the following 12 counties: Clallam, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston & Whatcom.

The law creating the Partnership did not specify terms of service for the board positions. The Leadership Council may do so at a later date. The Partnership anticipates that the time commitment for Board members will generally be approximately 20 hours a month and notes there may be months where the time commitment could exceed the 20 hour estimate.

If you are interested in serving as the city representative to the Ecosystem Coordinating Board of the Puget Sound Partnership, please send to AWC Executive Director, Stan Finkelstein, a letter of interest that summarizes your interest in and qualifications for this position. You may also include a resume or other information you deem appropriate for consideration of your appointment to this position.

Please send your letter of application to the address below by **September 12, 2007**:

Stan Finkelstein, Executive Director
Association of Washington Cities
1076 Franklin St. SE
Olympia, WA 98501

Please also send a copy of that letter to Jim Justin, AWC Assistant Director for Legislative Services, at the same address.

The AWC Board of Directors will review all of the applications during their September 28, 2007, Board meeting and will immediately forward nominees on to the Leadership Council of the Puget Sound Partnership, who will make the appointment by October 1, 2007.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Jim Justin, AWC Assistant Director for Legislative Services, at (360) 753-4137 or jimj@awcnet.org.

cc: JJ, city managers/administrators, clerks & IGR's