



CITY OF KIRKLAND

Fire & Building Department

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MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Ramsay, City Manager

From: Jeff Blake, Fire Chief

Date: February 7, 2008

Subject: Draft Response Letters; Harlene Wilson & Kathy Rose

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize Mayor James Lauinger to sign a letter as presented or notified responding to Ms. Harlene Wilson and Kathy Rose.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

On January 25, 2008 letters were sent to the "Kirkland City Council" from Harlene Wilson and Kathy Rose. In their letters they expressed concern regarding possible closing of the fire station on NE 145th in the proposed annexation area.

For the City Council's consideration is the draft response letter to Ms. Wilson and Ms. Rose.

Attachments: Letter from Ms. Harlene Wilson
Letter from Ms. Kathy Rose
Draft City Council Response – Wilson
Draft City Council Response – Rose

January 28, 2008

Kathy Rose
14130 129th Ave. N.E.
Kirkland, WA 98034

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CITY OF KIRKLAND
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

Kirkland City Council
123 5th Ave.
Kirkland, WA 98034

Dear City Council Members,

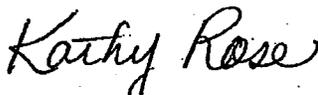
Please give serious consideration to not closing the fire station on 145th in Kingsgate.

I have lived in my home for 22 years and know of many times that the medics and firemen from the 14^{5th} St. station have responded with utmost speed, in neighborhood emergencies. The close proximity of the station is a factor.

There are no other fire stations close by. We have a small shopping center, a large jr. high school, and many condos, apartments, and homes in the immediate vicinity. I believe the 145th St. station services a large number of citizens.

I do not understand the benefit of spending money on a new station. We, in this neighborhood, need the 145th St. station to remain open. Thank you for your respectful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Kathy Rose

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CITY OF KIRKLAND
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

11701 NE, 145th St.
Kirkland, Wa
98034

Jan, 24, 2008

Dear Kirkland City Council Members,

I am a 36 year long resi-
dent of High Woodlands
section of Unincorporated
King County. (address: Kirkland)

My family includes a ^{35y.}
oldspastic quadriplegic who
was 3 yrs old when we
moved into High Woodlands
area. During these 36 years
our family has drawn on
the immediate response &
quick arrival of the Aide
Car from the Fire Station lo-
cated on NE 144th St. because
this same child has a life-
threatening asthmatic condition.

Please as a classic
City Council make the
prudent decision to con-
tinue the services of the
present Fire Station in
its present location. NO
CHANGES.

Sincerely,
Harlene Wilson

February 20, 2008

DRAFT

Kathy Rose
14130 129th Ave. N.E.
Kirkland, WA 98034

Dear Ms. Rose,

Thank you for your letter concerning the future of your local fire station and its use in delivery of emergency services. The fire station you are referring to is currently owned and operated by Woodinville Fire and Life Safety District and it would be the District's decision as to the future use for delivery of services if the City of Kirkland annexes the Juanita, Finn Hill and Kingsgate neighborhoods.

Kirkland City Council is carefully considering the possibility of annexing the area where you live. These discussions have brought up many questions as to how to best provide for public safety needs. As we examine alternatives available to the City, we continue to look at many options in order to understand the best possible solution. It is our intent to explore all options before deciding which would be best for the citizens of Kirkland; both in the current city and a new larger city.

Specifically, you wrote to us about the possibility of the Kingsgate fire station closing and the building of a new fire station in another area of the potential annexation area. As the City Council analyzes the options available, we have requested staff to give us a true picture of the potential costs associated with taking on annexation. In one of the Fire Chief's estimate of costs to provide services, the cost of a new fire station was included.

As stated above, the Kingsgate fire station is owned and operated by Woodinville Fire and Life Safety District. Under an annexation scenario, the City of Kirkland cannot assume the outcome of the ownership or operation of the District's this fire station located on NE 145th. While it may be possible for the fire station to continue to be used for service delivery, it is not a decision that has been made. In other options being considered, the Kingsgate fire station is used to model service delivery. We can surely understand your concern for continuing excellent emergency services.

The City Council wants to assure you the high level of service you receive today will continue to be our goal as we analyze the options available for providing services; if the City Council decides to proceed with annexation. We appreciate your input and concern for your public safety services

Sincerely,
KIRKLAND CITY COUNCIL

James L. Lauinger
Mayor

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