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MEMORANDUM

To: David Ramsay, City Manager

From: Sheila Cloney

Date: October 13, 2008

Subject: LODGING TAX ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

RECOMMENDATION

On behalf of the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC), staff recommends that City Council consider Les Utley, General Manager of the Heathman Hotel and Ryan Noel, General Manager of the Courtyard Marriot Seattle-Kirkland, for appointment to the LTAC. Letters of agreement are attached.

BACKGROUND

The Lodging Tax Advisory Committee makes recommendations to City Council on the use of the Lodging Excise Tax funds for tourism promotion activities. State Statute and KMC Chapter 5.19 governs the use of lodging tax funds and committee membership. The committee shall consist of one member of the Kirkland City Council (chair), three representatives from businesses required to collect the lodging tax (lodging establishments), and three representatives of organizations involved in activities authorized to be funded lodging tax revenue or local agencies involved in tourism promotion.

Both Mr. Utley and Mr. Noel offer the Committee expertise in hotel management and operation. They would fill two vacant hotel positions on the Committee. Currently LTAC members are Chair and City Council Member Tom Hodgson, Julie Metteer representing the Kirkland Downtown Association, Marc Nowak, General Manager with the Woodmark Hotel, Luanne Erikson with the Kirkland Gallery Association, and Shirley Day, owner of the Crab Cracker restaurant. The appointments of Mr. Utley and Mr. Noel will make the membership complete.



11215 NE 124th Street
Kirkland, WA 98034

August 27, 2008

Council Member Tom Hodgson
Kirkland City Council
123 5th Avenue
Kirkland, WA 98033

RE: Marriott Kirkland LTAC Representative

Dear Mr. Hodgson,

I would be happy to serve on the City of Kirkland's Lodging Tax Advisory Committee to fill one of the Hotel appointments on this committee.

I understand the importance of tourism to our community and would like to help with this group to further expand Kirkland's tourism role.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Noel", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ryan Noel
General Manager
Courtyard Marriott Seattle-Kirkland
11215 NE 124th Street
Kirkland, WA 98033

THE  HEATHMAN HOTEL

KIRKLAND, WASHINGTON

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RE: Heathman Hotel LTAC Representative

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Les Utley
Heathman Hotel
General Manager
220 Kirkland Avenue
Kirkland, WA 98033