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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** David Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Carrie Hite, Deputy Director, Parks & Community Services  
Jennifer Schroder, Director, Parks & Community Services

**Date:** June 2, 2009

**Subject:** Draft response letter to Mr. Andrew Vetto RE: Skate Park Enhancements

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize Mayor James Lauinger to sign a letter as presented or modified responding to Mr. Andrew Vetto.

**BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

On May 15, 2009, a letter (Attachment 1) was received at the City, addressed to the Kirkland City Council, and authored by Mr. Andrew Vetto. In the letter, Mr. Vetto proposes enhancements to the Peter Kirk skate park.

For the City Council consideration is the draft response letter to Mr. Vetto (Attachment 2)

Attachment 1: Letter from Andrew Vetto, 5/14/09  
Attachment 2: Draft City Council Response

May 14 2009

James Lauinger

123 fifth ave

Kirkland WA 98033

Dear Mr. Lauinger:

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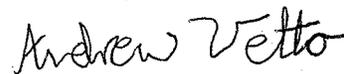
CITY OF KIRKLAND  
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

I think we should have a new skate park in downtown Kirkland. The current skate park is not very bike friendly so it is no fun for bmxers. I think you should remodel the skate park and make it much bigger. You should take a look at the Redmond skate park. It is great but I cannot always go there. Also you should ask some local skaters for their opinion they might have some good ideas.

For a new skate park you should start funding right away. Something I could do is put a donation/idea box down at the skate park for extra money and ideas. If you don't respond then I will feel very depressed and annoyed that you didn't care about my letter. If you don't reply I will start a petition for people who want a new skate park. At the least you could reply and say you can't do anything about it. I can be reached by mail at the address above or at [snapvetto@comcast.net](mailto:snapvetto@comcast.net)

Again if you can start funding that would be great. If you do anything towards getting a new skate park I would be very gracious and would go to the new skate park any chance I get.

Sincerely,



Andrew Vetto

June 17, 2009

**D R A F T**

Andrew Vetto  
6<sup>th</sup> Grader  
Peter Kirk Elementary School

Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter to the Kirkland City Council dated May 15<sup>th</sup> about how the City's existing skate park can be improved to make it more "BMXer" friendly. We also appreciate your suggestion on fundraising.

Although there are no plans at this time to change the skate park at Peter Kirk Park, the City does have proposed plans to build a new "state of the art" skate park at Juanita Beach Park. Future improvements also include new little league fields and relocating the parking lot. The new skate park is proposed to be built where the current parking lot is on the north side of Juanita Beach Park. Although we have some money to build the skate park, we need much more. We will continue to look for funds to develop the skate park.

If you would like to be involved in the development of this new skate park, I would encourage you to get involved with the Kirkland Youth Council. The Youth Council works on projects and programs that support youth in the Kirkland area. If you would like information about the Youth Council, please contact Regi Schubiger, Youth Services Coordinator, at [rschubiger@ci.kirkland.wa.us](mailto:rschubiger@ci.kirkland.wa.us) or 425-587-3323.

The City Council appreciates your taking the time to write a letter to share your thoughts on our downtown skate park. Your letter will be shared with the Park Board and the Kirkland Youth Council.

Sincerely,  
Kirkland City Council

By: James L. Lauinger, Mayor

cc: Park Board  
Kirkland Youth Council  
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