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The Honorable Cynthia Sullivan
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
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Dear Councilmember Sullivan:

The enclosed ordinances will authorize me to enter into interlocal agreements with the cities of Redmond and Maple Valley for landmark designation and protection services.

King County Comprehensive Plan Policy P-213 encourages such services and directs the County to actively market these services to the cities. This cooperative approach to preserving our region's history and character has many benefits: cost efficient delivery of professional services - most cities do not have the staff expertise required to manage such programs; compliance with growth management requirements for historic preservation; protection and enhancement of key aspects of community character; and, access to tax incentives, low interest loans, grants, and other incentives for landmark property owners.

Both Redmond and Maple Valley considered developing their own historic preservation programs but decided that an interlocal agreement with the County is preferable for the above-noted reasons. If these agreements are not approved, the cities will not be able to preserve their historic resources in the manner which they desire, and the value of reimbursement for services will be foregone by the County.

If approved, these agreements will become effective on the date of execution, and the total number of cities to which the County provides historic preservation services will be thirteen. The cities of Auburn, Black Diamond, Carnation, Kenmore, Kirkland, Issaquah, Newcastle, North Bend, Shoreline, Snoqualmie, and Woodinville are currently participating in the program.



The Honorable Cynthia Sullivan

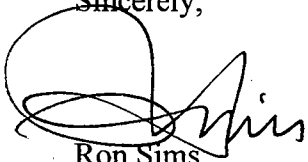
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These agreements are consistent with those negotiated with other cities, and the County is able and willing to provide the requested services. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Koler, Historic Preservation Officer, in the Office of Business Relations and Economic Development, at (206) 296-8689.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Sims", written over a circular stamp or mark.

Ron Sims

King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN David deCourcy, Chief of Staff

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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Steve Call, Director, Office of Management and Budget

George Northcroft, Division Director, Office of Business Relations and Economic Development (BRED)

Julie Koler, Historic Preservation Officer, BRED