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Memorandum of Understanding—North Highline Annexation

It is hereby agreed between the parties as follows:

1. All parties support the transition of the unincorporated North Highline (shown on the attached map) to city status in a timely and coordinated manner that, at a minimum preserves, if not increases existing local service levels.
2. All parties recognize and respect that the cities of Burien and Seattle each represent reasonable governance alternatives to be considered by North Highline residents.
3. All parties agree that the annexation of the North Highline communities to more than one city is the preferred option at this time given the diversity of community preferences and the significant cost of service associated with annexing the entire North Highline area communities.
4. All parties agree that the continued provision of fire protection services is essential to the residents and businesses in the North Highline communities and that all parties will work together to develop service agreements that ensure that an annexation will not result in a reduction of fire protection services to those areas of North Highline that are not immediately annexed by Burien or Seattle.
5. All parties agree to the terms of the attached Transition Framework to support preservation, and strive for improvement of current level of fire and safety services to North Highline and surrounding neighborhoods including Arbor Heights, North Burien, and unincorporated areas in South Park.
6. All parties agree that Burien and Seattle both will need fiscal support beyond the local municipal revenues generated in the unincorporated area if they are to provide municipal services to these communities in the immediate, mid, and long term basis. Accordingly, all parties support the provision of such additional revenues by the state to both cities in a manner that provides equal access by both cities to financial support for annexation. All parties agree to work together to pursue such revenues from the state for both cities. Such support shall include but is not limited to:

- a. Publicly supporting the proposed legislation (attached),
- b. Sign in and testifying in support of the proposed legislation at State Legislative hearings and meetings, and
- c. Burien shall seek Suburban Cities Association support of the proposed legislation, and
- d. Burien and Seattle shall seek support from the Association of Washington Cities, King County shall seek support from the Washington State Association of Counties, and Fire Districts 11 & 2 shall seek support from the Washington State Council of Fire Fighters.

7. All parties agree to support before the Washington State Boundary Review Board for King County a phased, coordinated annexation of large areas of North Highline where Burien can pursue annexation of area X, as shown on the attached map, and Seattle can pursue annexation of area Y, as shown on the attached map. All parties further agree this MOU shall be submitted as an exhibit in any proceedings related to the annexation of the North Highline area.
8. Burien agrees to pursue annexation only in area X and Seattle agrees to pursue annexation only in area Y until December 31, 2011.

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