

February 1, 2007

The Honorable Dow Constantine
Chair, Capital Budget Committee
Metropolitan King County Council
516 Third Avenue
Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: King County Consolidated Elections Facility

Dear Councilmember Constantine:

As Mayor of the City of Renton, I am pleased that the Earlington Business Center is one of King County's top choices to locate a new consolidated elections facility. I gather that your Capital Budget Committee will be discussing this opportunity at its February 7 meeting. As the County's staff, real estate broker, and Citizen's Elections Oversight Committee have already determined, there are many advantages to selecting Renton and the Earlington Business Center, in particular. Renton's central location, lower cost, and the immediate availability of the building make this a natural, common sense choice for this important facility.

Renton enjoys a long history of partnership with King County. Already, we are home to your Department of Development and Environmental Services, Roads Services maintenance shops and other County work groups that rely on a central location to provide their services countywide. I am confident that your Elections Section would immediately become a vibrant addition to our community and be in a terrific facility and location from which to provide high-quality elections services to the people of King County in the most cost effective way.

Over the past ten years, Renton has worked hard to create an environment that supports business while enhancing the quality of life for its citizens. We have streamlined permitting processes and timelines and helped many new and growing private companies, non-profit service providers, and government agencies establish successful operations in our city. Renton is an innovative, creative, and energetic community filled with committed and caring people working hard to make our city a great place to work, live, study, learn, and play.

I am confident that, if the County Council approves the Renton location, my staff will work with yours to ensure that the project receives the necessary permits on a schedule that allows you to meet your project goals. I welcome the opportunity to help King County secure and establish its new consolidated elections facility in Renton.

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Sincerely,

Kathy Keolker
Mayor

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The Honorable Ron Sims, King County Executive
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