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Kevin Brown, Director King County Parks and Recreation Division King St. Center – Suite 700 201 S Jackson St Seattle Wa 98104

Dear Mr. Brown:

It has come to my attention that there is a draft parking fee violation ordinance due to be submitted to Council soon.

LWYSA is one of the major users of Marymoor Park, and as such, greatly affected by any changes in the parking fee policies. We clearly understand the importance of the parking fees to the operating budget of Marymoor. With many of the other revenue sources declining at this time, it is crucial that King County Parks have the ability to maximize their parking revenue.

Many, if not most, of our members are used to purchasing parking passes, or at least the daily pass. However, I am aware that some choose not to purchase. I strongly feel this is not fair to those users who do pay, or the tax-payers of King County.

I wish to voice my support of the proposed ordinance. By giving King County Parks the ability to enforce parking violations, it rectifies the inequity between those who pay and those who don't. More importantly, it maximizes a revenue source that is extremely important to the operating budget of Marymoor.

I would ask, however, if this ordinance passes, that Parks formulate a plan that rewards those who purchase a parking pass. This past season, on the weekend there was Parks staff collecting money for parking. The cars queued up to pay, but those users with passes had to wait in the same line. If there was a "Quick Lane" where these users were waved through, I believe that would further incentivize users to purchase the passes.

Sincerely.

Curt Bateman

LWYSA-Director of Operations