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The Honorable Richard Eadie
President, Board of Trustees
King County Library System
960 Newport Way NW
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Dear Judge Eadie:

Thank you and Board member Spitzer for meeting with City Councilmembers Rose Clark, Jack Block and Gerald Robison on Tuesday. I understand the meeting was frank and productive. This letter is a follow-up intended to bring clarity to Burien's request that you coordinate your decision regarding library improvements with Burien's decision regarding annexation.

It is my understanding that you and Mr. Spitzer pointed out that uncertainty over annexation of the North Highline area has made it difficult for the library to plan improvements in our community. You said that uncertainty has, in part, caused the Board of Trustees to advance the issue now. The annexation question has clouded our own planning efforts, so we understand the difficulty.

In part to bring resolution to this question, for you, for us and for all of our residents, the Burien City Council on Monday agreed to consider the question of annexation within sixty (60) days. I cannot obligate the Council, but I believe it is highly likely the Council will resolve this question by the end of July. We ask your board to delay any action regarding library improvements in our community until that decision is made. As for timing, there are two possibilities:

- 1) The Council does not pursue annexation. In that case, we will work with you to find an acceptable option to move ahead immediately, beginning no later than August 1 this year. Or;
- 2) The Council decides to advance annexation. In this case, we would ask you table the question until after the residents of North Highline have a chance to vote on whether to join Burien.

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I mentioned in a previous correspondence that Burien views library improvements as a very positive development in the community and we are anxious to help. Please accept this letter in that spirit and please let us know what we can do to resolve this in a constructive fashion.

Sincerely,



Joan McGilton
Mayor

Enclosure

cc: Burien City Council
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Metropolitan King County Councilmember Joe McDermott
North Highline Unincorporated Area Council President Christine Waldman
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