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CITY OF BURIEN

April 5, 2010

Mike Martin
City of Burien
400 SW 152 Suite 300
Burien, WA 98166

Re: TERMINATION OF ANIMAL CONTROL INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Dear ~~Mike~~ Martin: *W/Dice*

King County currently provides animal services to the City of Burien under an Animal Control Interlocal Agreement ("Agreement"). A copy can be provided upon request.

Paragraph 5 of the Agreement allows either party to terminate without cause upon written notice. Please consider this letter notice of the termination of the Animal Control Interlocal Agreement, effective June 30, 2010.

In the 2010 adopted budget, the King County Council directed the Executive to enter into new, full-cost recovery contracts for animal services by June 30, 2010. The reason for this transition is two-fold. First, the county can no longer afford to subsidize animal services, which are a local government responsibility, at a rate of over \$2 million per year. Second, we need to redesign the service model to ensure that the system is cost effective and incorporates appropriate incentives that support the public health, safety, and animal welfare outcomes that are important to our residents.

King County is actively working with city representatives via an Animal Services Work Group to develop a new model for the provision of animal services to cities.

We hope to have an agreement in principle by March 31, which would include services provided, service levels, cost and revenue allocation, and payment methods. This agreement in principle would form the basis of a new contract between the County and cities for adoption by each jurisdiction by June 30.

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It is my belief that working together through a new regional model we can provide better and more cost-effective public health, safety, and animal welfare outcomes than jurisdictions can produce on their own. We will continue working with cities and other partners interested in participating in a regional model over the next two months. While the timeline is short, I am hopeful that, through a strong and shared commitment to the outcomes that are important to our residents, we will develop a workable, affordable, and long-term solution.

If your city should choose not to enter into a new service contract with King County by June 30th, please be advised that King County will no longer provide animal services to your residents and the current contract will be terminated as of that date. In that event, we will need to coordinate with your city on the transfer of service responsibility for animal sheltering, control, and licensing which would include issues such as notification to the public regarding the change in service and the procedure for dealing with animals coming into the Kent shelter from non-contracting city residents.

If you would like additional information, or if you have any questions, please contact Carrie S. Cihak, Director of Strategic Initiatives, at (206) 263-9634.

Sincerely,



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Deputy County Executive

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