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From: Public Council Inbox
Sent: Friday, March 11, 2011 8:52 AM
To: 'cwaldman@northhighlineuac.org'
Subject: RE: North Highline Annexation

Thank you for copying the Burien City Council on your correspondence. It will be included in the Correspondence for the Record for an upcoming Council meeting.

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Burien City Manager's Office

From: cwaldman@northhighlineuac.org [<mailto:cwaldman@northhighlineuac.org>]
Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2011 8:11 PM
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Subject: North Highline Annexation

The attached letter states our position regarding Seattle's proposal to annex North Highline.
Thank You,
Christine Waldman - President
North Highline Unincorporated Area Council

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The Honorable Richard Conlin
Regional Development and Sustainability Committee
Seattle City Council
PO Box 34025
Seattle, WA 98124-4025

Dear Council President Conlin:

The North Highline Unincorporated Area Council (NHUAC) has been watching with great interest the discussion among members of the Regional Development and Sustainability Committee regarding annexation of "Area Y" in North Highline. I am writing this letter now to express our strong opposition to a Seattle annexation, and urge you not to advance that question to our residents.

As you know, NHUAC is the closest thing that North Highline has to an elected body representing residents in the area. We all live in the community, some for decades. The countless hours that we have spent advocating and working for the betterment of the community have given us a reasonable understanding of what goes on here and the needs of this unique area.

We appreciate the willingness and time that Seattle has given to determine the level of services that could be provided to North Highline with a potential annexation, especially in view of the fact that in the future, we may be facing declining service levels from King County. However, we are more concerned about having our voice - the voice of one of the most diverse communities in the state - lost in the clamor of the largest city in the state. It seems unlikely to us that, as 3% of Seattle's population, we would get the special attention needed to capitalize on the potential of our community and to resolve our unique issues, regardless of your genuinely good intentions.

Seattle is a fine city with much to offer and we truly appreciate your interest in us. Yet we strongly believe that Seattle is a bad fit for our community, and that our interests will be better served with other options. We urge you not to advance an election on the question of annexation of North Highline.

Sincerely yours,

Christine Waldman, President
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Cc: Seattle City Council Members
Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn
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Burien City Council Members

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