

**Lisa Clausen**

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**From:** Public Council Inbox  
**To:** P Levine  
**Subject:** RE: Copy of Letter sent to the Seattle City Council March 24, 2011

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

Lisa Clausen  
City Manager's Office

-----Original Message-----

**From:** P Levine [<mailto:levinepr@comcast.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 09, 2011 3:46 PM  
**To:** Public Council Inbox  
**Subject:** Copy of Letter sent to the Seattle City Council March 24, 2011

**To:** Burien City Council

**From:** Rachael Levine  
430 S. 124th St.  
Burien, WA 98168

**Re:** Copy of letter sent to Seattle City Council, March 24, 2011

**Date:** May 9, 2011

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Seattle City Council  
600 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
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Seattle, WA 98124-4025

Dear Seattle City Councilmembers,

For the past 47 years my husband and I have lived in the North Highline Community. We were recently annexed into the City of Burien. Since we live half-way between White Center and Burien, we have enjoyed the distinct character and activity that each provides. Whether the Burien Strawberry Festival and Farmer's Market or White Center Jubilee Days and the Cambodian New Year, we celebrate the rich diversity of our community.

We are also deeply bound together through our support of education for our children through the Highline School District, several private schools and early learning programs. Our White Center Library and Boulevard Park libraries are accessible to nearby schools and provide internet services to students and adults who may not otherwise have access to computers at home. These libraries speak to the aspirations that helped build them. It is the potential loss of library services I wish to address.

Our libraries have been oases of learning, recreation, and community meetings. The White Center Library provides additional teen programs and outreach to day care homes. The White Center Library Guild, of which I am currently the president, raises money through book sales, yard sales and a holiday bazaar to fund programs beyond those provided through the King County Library Foundation.

The 2004 King County Library System Replacement Bond Measure provided for a new 10,000 sq. ft. library to replace the overcrowded old 6,370 sq. ft. White Center Library. KCLS has not gone ahead with this improvement because of the proximity of both White Center and Boulevard Park libraries to the area that could potentially be annexed to Seattle. Annexation to Seattle would mean the loss of new and improved library services to our community. We helped pass the county wide bond measure and have continued to pay our share of the King County Library System costs.

The continued ambivalence of the City of Seattle toward annexation keeps us in limbo and denies the benefits we have paid for and the opportunity to be joined together with the entire North Highline community under an accessible and responsive City of Burien.

Sincerely,



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