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From: Public Council Inbox
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2011 9:19 AM
To: 'Barbara McMichael'
Subject: RE: Burien Vision - cultural component needed

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

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City Manager's Office

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From: Barbara McMichael [<mailto:bkmonger@nwlink.com>]
Sent: Sunday, June 05, 2011 7:13 AM
To: Public Council Inbox
Subject: Burien Vision - cultural component needed

Dear Burien City Council:

Although I am not a resident of Burien, I am in Burien at least a couple of times every week, so I wanted to contribute my perspective to the discussion of the draft version of the Burien Vision.

I am writing today as a private citizen, although it would be useful for you to know that I work as the administrator for SoCoCulture, and I also do work for the Highline Historical Society. In both of those capacities, I have had the opportunity to see close-up the impact that arts and heritage events and programs have on Burien. Arts-A-Glow, the Highline Garden Tour, Burien Little Theatre, Breeders Theater, Northwest Symphony Orchestra, Momentum Dance Academy, the Hi-Liners, the Burien Vintage Jazz Festival, Pieces of Eight, theater in the park productions, and special exhibits by the Highline Historical Society all draw people to your city, enliven your streets, and contribute to your economy. In addition, church and theater facilities in Burien draw groups ranging from the Normandy Park Youth Orchestra to the Seattle Symphony to The Red Green Show. I understand that the Burien Arts Commission will be working hard to be a hub for Arts Crush activities this October. The Highline Historical Society, as you know, is in the midst of a campaign to raise funds in order to build a museum in your city, and I believe another historical organization has plans to relocate to Burien as well.

Burien is unbelievably fortunate to have such a robust cultural economy, and you must be aware that not only is it a tremendous benefit for the citizens of your city, it also makes Burien a very attractive destination for those who live elsewhere.

Please ensure that the Burien Vision includes a cultural component -- both arts and heritage. It would be shortsighted not to do so.

Sincerely,

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