


**CITY OF BURIEN  
AGENDA BILL**

<b>Agenda Subject:</b> Letter to the King County Library System Board of Trustees		<b>Meeting Date:</b> November 28, 2011
<b>Department:</b> City Manager	<b>Attachments:</b> <u>May 27, 2011 letter to the Board</u>	<b>Fund Source:</b> N/A <b>Activity Cost:</b> N/A <b>Amount Budgeted:</b> N/A <b>Unencumbered Budget Authority:</b> N/A
<b>Contact:</b> Mike Martin		
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<b>Adopted Initiative:</b> Yes      No      X	<b>Initiative Description:</b>	
<p><b>PURPOSE/REQUIRED ACTION:</b> Motion directing staff to draft a letter to the King County Library System Board of Trustees expressing the Council's wish that the Board delay considering the consolidation of the White Center and Boulevard Park Libraries.</p> <p><b>BACKGROUND (Include prior Council action &amp; discussion):</b> The King County Library Board in May began considering the possibility of consolidating the White Center and the Boulevard Park libraries. The Burien Council sent a letter encouraging the Board to delay taking any action until the question of whether Burien would annex the North Highline Area was resolved. Specifically, the council asked that KCLS "table the question until after the residents of North Highline have a chance to vote on whether to join Burien." That letter is attached.</p> <p>On June 28<sup>th</sup> the Library Board agreed to delay its decision regarding consolidation. The KCLS staff recently resurrected the proposal have asked the Board to reconsider it at their November 29 meeting.</p> <p>Assuming Council's position remains the same as it was in May, it would be appropriate for the council to direct staff to draft a letter for the Mayor's signature, reiterating the City's wish that the Board to delay its decision to consolidate the libraries until the question of annexation is resolved.</p> <p><b>OPTIONS (Including fiscal impacts):</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Direct Staff to draft a letter to the Library Board urging it to delay consideration of consolidating the two libraries at this time.</li> <li>2) Do nothing.</li> </ol>		
<b>Administrative Recommendation</b> Direct staff to draft a letter for the Mayor's signature.		
<b>Committee Recommendation:</b> N/A		
<b>Advisory Board Recommendation:</b> N/A		
<b>Suggested Motion:</b> I move that council direct staff to draft a letter to the Library Board urging it to delay consideration of consolidating the White Center and Boulevard Park libraries until after the question of annexation is resolved.		
Submitted by: <b>Administration</b>		City Manager 
<b>Today's Date:</b> November 9, 2011		<b>File Code:</b> R:\CC\Agenda Bill 2011\112811cm-1 letter to King County Library





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May 27, 2011

The Honorable Richard Eadie  
President, Board of Trustees  
King County Library System  
960 Newport Way NW  
Issaquah, WA 98027

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  
King County Library System Board of Trustees  
King County Executive Dow Constantine  
Metropolitan King County Councilmember Joe McDermott  
North Highline Unincorporated Area Council President Christine Waldman  
King County Library System Director Bill Ptacek