

**Lisa Clausen**

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**From:** Public Council Inbox  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 22, 2011 1:04 PM  
**To:** 'poitrasjohn@comcast.net'  
**Subject:** RE: Less revenues forecast for Area Y by KING COUNTY

Thank you for writing to the Burien City Council. Your message and attachments will be included in the Correspondence for the Record for an upcoming Council meeting.

L. Clausen  
City Manager's Office

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Please exercise your fiduciary responsibility before proceeding any further down the road to financial disaster that annexation of Area Y will ensure.

(see below and attached)

Members of the Burien City Council

Yesterday, I received a document from the King County Assessor's Office regarding Area Y/White Center/North Highline.

While it was only a preliminary draft, but it shows Area Y as decreasing in taxable land value by \$126,295,650 for the year 2012. This is significantly lower than Berk or the City of Burien projected the value of the land to be in the report and the application. Of course, this means less monies coming into Burien should they annex the area. The Assessor's office anticipates that the Fire District will receive \$189,443 dollars less next year to operate in Area Y. Area Y land values dropped by 17% and remember that Berk projected in its report that land values would continue to rise by 2% annually in the area-that is a difference of 19% from the report to the reality of the situation. I am still waiting to hear the approx. amount less of total dollars this will bring in to operate the area in 2012.

You will recall the the Assessor's office notified Burien that the City will receive approx. \$467,000+ less monies to operate the City in 2012 due to the declining land values in Burien-the core area of the City dropped by 8.+% and the newly annexed area dropped by 12 to 17%. Again **Berk assumed** that values in the city would increase by 2% in Burien.

Clearly, the City will receive a significantly lower amount of revenues than anticipated. **The assumptions about revenues in the Berk report draft are no longer valid** and will not be valid for a number of years-if ever. This is a point that will be made about the Draft Berk Report and the assumptions for revenues that the report is based upon-to the Boundary Review Board.

Please see attached the document from King County .

Also, I received a letter that clearly states that the Highline School District would receive more monies for the north end schools, if Area Y were to annex to Seattle.

Sincerely

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C FTR: 01/23/12

Subject: RE: PDR - Question on Federal Way School District and Southern Des Moines

Date: Mon, 17 Oct 2011

Des Moines residents who live within the Federal Way School District boundaries pay school taxes to FWSD. These residents pay city taxes to Des Moines, but none of that money comes to schools in either district.

Highline School District does not pay anything to Federal Way School District.

I read your letter to the editor in the Highline Times on October 7, and I would like to point out some areas where you may not have an accurate understanding of the school funding system.

Your letter stated that taxpayers in Burien, Des Moines, SeaTac, and Normandy Park subsidize North Highline schools. Actually, all residents within Highline School District boundaries pay the same property tax rate to the school district, whether they live in a city or in unincorporated King County (North Highline.) The funds are distributed to schools in an equal per-pupil amount, so North Highline schools get the same as all other schools. As such, no schools are being subsidized by taxpayers.

Annexation of North Highline to either Burien or Seattle will not change either the flow of taxes or governance of the school district. School taxes will continue to fund the school district, whether North Highline residents are citizens of Burien or Seattle. Residents of Highline School District will continue to have the same voice in their schools, because the district is governed by the school board elected by voters of the district.

You mentioned that Seattle residents will not fund North Highline schools. In fact, Seattle does have a special voter-approved Family and Education Levy that provides some revenue for schools; so if Seattle were to annex North Highline, schools in North Highline would actually get some additional revenue.

The school district administration does not anticipate the need to raise taxes due to annexation of North Highline to either Seattle or Burien.

I hope that clarifies the situation for you. Thank you for allowing me to provide you with this information. If you have further questions, please contact me.

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Highline Public Schools

Levy Code	Taxable Value		
	2011	Preliminary 2012	Decrease
3015	19,180,180	18,039,308	(1,140,872)
3030	232,242,950	225,395,520	(6,847,430)
3697	15,199,522	11,849,811	(3,349,711)
3710	346,029,573	305,446,487	(40,583,086)
3780	197,326,687	172,188,045	(25,138,642)
3850	577,438,697	528,202,788	(49,235,909)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,387,417,609</b>	<b>1,261,121,959</b>	<b>(126,295,650)</b>

Districts Within Those Codes	\$ Generated in District		Dif
	2011	2012	
	Preliminary		
Roads	3,048,573	2,837,524	(211,048)
Fire District 11	2,081,126	1,891,683	(189,443)
Library	693,709	630,561	(63,148)
EMS	416,225	378,337	(37,889)
Flood	152,283	144,562	(7,721)
Ferry	4,995	4,691	(303)
County	1,856,587	1,784,790	(71,797)
Port	310,310	289,667	(20,643)
State			
w/o schools	8,563,807	7,961,816	(601,991)

Schools will get whatever was voted in regardless of value/rate

