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Eric Johnson
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RE: Supporting Snohomish, Whatcom, Island, San Juan and Skagit (SWISS) Regional Partnership with the Washington State Association of Counties

Dear Eric:

The Counties of Snohomish, Whatcom, Island, San Juan and Skagit have formed the SWISS Regional Partnership. The SWISS Regional Partnership's mission is "to identify and advance shared priorities that will improve the quality of life of the people who live in the region." Snohomish County endeavors to support the mission and goals of SWISS Regional Partnership and its purposes to:

1. Provide a forum for the discussion and review of issues consistent with the SWISS mission statement, and identify those issues where there is a shared mutual interest;
2. Create a unified, clear, and concise regional voice to our state and federal legislators and governmental agencies;
3. Be an advocate for our region as a whole in dealings with legislative, governmental and private entities upon those issues that the SWISS selects; and
4. Assist partner organizations with their legislative advocacy on issues that align with SWISS priorities; and

Administrative and management support is needed to implement the objectives of the SWISS Regional Partnership in two program areas: (1) Meeting Management and Coordination and (2) Partnership Management and Coalition Building.

The Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) was created in 1906 to serve the counties of the State of Washington. One of WSAC's purposes, pursuant to RCW 36.32.350, is to serve as a coordinator for county administrative programs. WSAC has proposed to deliver administrative and management support services to SWISS in the previously stated program areas.

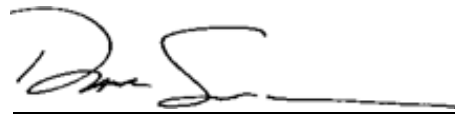
The Snohomish County Council and Executive are writing you to express our support for WSAC to provide administrative and management services to the SWISS Regional Partnership. The Council and Executive have committed to financially supporting SWISS Regional Partnership in 2022 and will consider ongoing financial support for SWISS Regional Partnership as part of the county annual/biennial budget process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Geoffrey Thomas, Council Chief of Staff, at 425-388-6507. Thank you for your support and advocacy for counties in the State of Washington.

Sincerely,



Megan Dunn
Council Chair



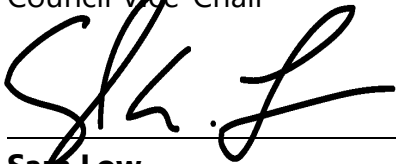
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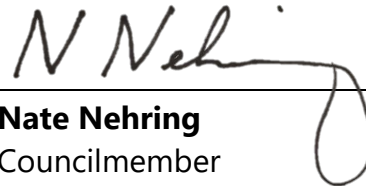
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