



King County

Historic Preservation and Historical Programs Advisory Task Force

November 16, 2009

The Honorable Dow Constantine, Chair
Metropolitan King County Council
516 Third Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Interim Recommendations for the 2010 budget

Dear Chair Constantine:

I am writing to follow up on the Historic Preservation and Historical Programs Advisory Task Force's short-term recommendation for 2010, and to clarify the Task Force's intent for the members of the King County Council, stakeholders, and the public.

The Task Force recommends:

- In 2010, King County should maintain its longtime general fund commitment to heritage and preservation programs, including full funding of the Historic Preservation Program Office;
- The estimated \$550,000 in new funding generated by the recording fee surcharge should be used to supplement – not supplant – existing funding and programs;
- The 4Culture Heritage and Preservation Programs and the King County Historic Preservation Program should receive the surcharge funds in 2010 to expand existing programs and support new initiatives on a countywide basis.

Thank you for your consideration and I hope this helps clarify the Task Force's recommendation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Brockman AIA, Chair
King County Historic Preservation & Historical Programs Advisory Task Force

cc: Metropolitan King County Councilmembers

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