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Honorable Dow Constantine  
Chair, Growth Management Planning Council  
King County Chinook Building  
401 5th Ave. Suite 800  
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: School Siting and PF-19A Meetings

Dear Executive Constantine:

As the School District Representative to the Growth Management Planning Council ("GMPC"), I appreciate this opportunity to provide my comments regarding the recently completed PF-19A school coordination meetings. In general, the meetings have: (1) provided information to jurisdictions regarding the challenges school districts face with meeting school capacity needs; (2) resulted in some immediate solutions and some proposed new ideas for facilitating school siting; and (3) established protocols for communication related to new growth and planning for schools. The meetings are a positive step forward in addressing school siting needs for school districts serving King County residents.

I urge the GMPC to continue to endorse the work needed to fully implement Policy PF-19A. In particular, we look forward to the review of and potential amendments to building and zoning codes to facilitate more efficient use of school sites. In addition, continued accountability from the GMPC on collaborative planning and joint strategies will be important for successful solutions to identified school siting needs. For some districts, including mine, this item is critical in the short term as we seek to identify available land for school sites.

I look forward to continued conversation and positive collaboration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Forrest W. Miller", is written over a blue horizontal line.

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