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King County Parks, Levy Grants
Aquatics Facilities Advisory Committee
201 South Jackson Street, Suite 5702
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Aquatic Facilities Grant Application Support for Shoreline, Kenmore, and
Lake Forest Park

Dear Advisory Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to share the Shoreline City Council's support for the Aquatic Facilities Grant application for the Shoreline, Kenmore, and Lake Forest Park Aquatic Center Feasibility Study. Our Councilmembers understand the importance of providing an accessible public Aquatic Center, which we can do by partnering with our neighboring jurisdictions to best serve people across North King County.

In 2015 our Council invested \$750,000 in several mid-term repairs to the then 44-year-old Shoreline Pool to extend its life by another five to seven years. In 2020 it became clear that the pool needed to be closed due to the ongoing maintenance and repair cost burden. In planning for its eventual closure, our Council supported work to explore alternatives to the Shoreline Pool beginning in 2017. In 2019 the City Council approved a ballot measure to fund a new aquatic, recreation, and community center, which was supported by more than 54% of Shoreline voters but failed to pass by the required 60%.

The Shoreline community has a significant need for a new Aquatic Center since the Shoreline Pool closure in 2020. Our 2021-2023 Council Goal 2, Action Step 3 commits us to "Continue to explore strategies for replacement of the Shoreline Pool and Spartan Recreation Center." The opportunity to receive funding from the Aquatic Facilities Grant for a feasibility study builds on this Council Goal, on Shoreline's 2017 Aquatic and Community Center Feasibility Study, our 2017 – 2023 Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan, and our desire to partner with neighboring cities to provide regional recreation services.

This application has the support of the entire City Council, and we thank you for this opportunity to continue the work to provide an accessible Aquatic

Center to our community. If you have any questions for Shoreline City Councilmembers or need any information from myself and other Councilmembers, please email me at whall@shorelinewa.gov.

Sincerely,

Will Hall
Mayor, City of Shoreline