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January 24, 2013

To Dow Constantine:

On behalf of the South Park Neighborhood Association, I am writing to urge you to collaborate with the City of Seattle to effect the transfer of the responsibility for the South Park Bridge and the annexing of the "sliver by the river" and the Duwamish Triangle (Area Q). We are gratified that the King County Boundary Review Board has denied the City of Tukwila's application to annex the Duwamish Triangle.

South Park has expected that once the new South Park Bridge construction is completed that the City of Seattle would assume the responsibility and expense for operation of the bridge. That assumption of responsibility would include annexation of the unincorporated areas surrounding the bridge, which includes the "sliver by the river", as well as the Duwamish Triangle. The City of Seattle and King County have negotiated in good faith to bring this long awaited annexation to pass. The Duwamish Triangle is contiguous with the "sliver" and must be included in the annexation by Seattle.

This annexation will solve a long-standing life safety threat to the South Park neighborhood residents who live in the sliver, as well as providing a much greater degree of safety to the businesses in Area Q. There is greater Seattle police presence in the rest of South Park than there is Sheriff deputy presence in the sliver, or in Area Q. Fire response times in the sliver and in Area Q are greater than response times by the Seattle Fire Department to the rest of South Park. Sliver residents face many other less important but constant annoyances with every other aspect of living in an urban area but having to deal with King County as if we were in a rural area. Likewise, the industrial users in Area Q will greatly benefit from better access to SPD and SFD.

The residents of South Park are an active group with a long history of partnering with the City of Seattle to make improvements within our community. We wish to preserve the cohesiveness of our neighborhood and ask that you please support rapid Annexation of the "sliver by the river" and Area Q into the City of Seattle.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Mauro
Vice President
South Park Neighborhood Association



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October 30, 2012

David R. Lloyd, Director
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)
c/o Environmental Management Support, Inc.
Attn: Mr. Don West
8601 Georgia Avenue, Suite 500
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Phone: (301) 589-5318

Dear Mr. Lloyd:

Please accept this letter of support from the South Park Neighborhood Association (SPNA) for the current King County EPA Brownfields Grant application. SPNA is a nonprofit neighborhood organization that improves quality of life in the South Park neighborhood for those who live, work and play here through representing the community and working with all collaborators on neighborhood issues.

SPNA has established strong working relationships with King County elected officials and departmental staff. Together, we sought and found \$131 million to replace the South Park Bridge. We will work with the King County Brownfields Program staff to conduct assessment of brownfield sites in our neighborhood.

South Park is fascinating mix of industry, commercial and retail businesses and residences. We also have the highest percentages of diversity of any neighborhood in Seattle. Data show that the health and life spans of South Park residents are worse than other neighborhoods in Seattle. It will be helpful to our association to identify potential environmental problems on sites we have targeted for remediation and future development. SPNA will work with King County to help identify additional sites; conduct outreach to citizens on assessment projects; obtain community feedback; provide project updates, including distributing assessment fact sheets; and provide information to the county on ongoing status of cleanup and redevelopment, as appropriate. We will use our social network sites to reach our members and reach others through distributions at food bank lines and the like.

Thank you for considering King County's grant application. The South Park Neighborhood Association supports the application and the continuation of the county's Brownfields Program.

Sincerely,

President, South Park Neighborhood Association



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January 21, 2012

Re: ECOSS Proposal for EPA's Urban Water Grant

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The South Park Neighborhood Association is proud partner with the Environmental Coalition of South Seattle (ECOSS) to revitalize the Duwamish Riverfront Revival project. This project is intended to increase storm water and habitat features along the banks of the Duwamish river, adjacent roads and street ends. This is directly in line with the SPNA's mission to "Foster an environment of cooperation in creating a growing community with a commitment to environmental needs." ECOSS is already actively involved in South Park and is the ideal organization to galvanize our neighborhood in a community effort to improve the Duwamish riverbanks and surrounding streets.

By partnering with ECOSS, SPNA will provide in-kind time by participating in the planning sessions and will provide strategic input throughout the process. SPNA will also help promote the project by getting the word out through its regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

Thank you for your consideration. A unique project such as this will continue to energize South Park's ongoing revitalization and serve as a model for other communities to learn from.

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October 5, 2012

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Tom Rasmussen:

On behalf of the South Park Neighborhood Association, we urge support for the item in the Mayor's proposed budget for 2013 to provide continuing operational support to the South Park Information and Resource Center in the amount of \$52,952.

The South Park Information and Resource Center (SPIARC) serves the crucial needs of the residents of the South Park neighborhood and nearby Seattle neighborhoods. No matter the crisis or issues being faced by their clients, SPIARC is able to help. SPIARC is serving more than 100 clients per month, and the number continues to grow. Clients include those who are very low income, people of color, immigrants with little English, out-of-work or homeless people, seniors, and others who need an immediate need met but also need help in becoming able to help themselves.

From the client whose electricity would have been turned off, to those many receiving English language instruction, to those needing help finding a job – SPIARC has helped.

Please do vote to include the operating budget for SPIARC in the City of Seattle's 2013 budget. There are so many in need who will thank you.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Mauro
Vice President
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October 12, 2012

Dear Boundary Review Board,

At our recent South Park Neighborhood Association meeting on October 9, 2012, the membership voted unanimously to oppose Tukwila's proposal to annex the Duwamish Triangle.

South Park has known that once the new South Park Bridge construction is completed that the City of Seattle would assume the responsibility and expense for operation of the bridge. That assumption of responsibility would include annexation of the unincorporated areas surrounding the bridge, which incorporates the "sliver by the river" as well as the Duwamish Triangle. The City of Seattle and King County have negotiated in good faith to bring this long awaited annexation to pass. The Duwamish Triangle is contiguous with the "sliver" and must be included in the annexation by Seattle.

If the Duwamish Triangle is annexed into Tukwila, we are concerned that Tukwila police and fire wouldn't be able to adequately serve the Triangle, and it would further isolate the "sliver". If Seattle were to annex both the "sliver" and the triangle, it would bring better service to South Park and ensure the safety of our neighbors.

The residents of South Park are active users of the South Park Branch of the Seattle Public Library as well as the South Park Community Center (also operated by the City of Seattle). We are an active group and have a long history of partnering with the City of Seattle to plan neighborhood celebrations and to make improvements within our community. We wish to preserve the cohesiveness of our neighborhood and ask that you please deny Tukwila's request to break up our community by singling out the Duwamish Triangle for annexation.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Mauro
Vice President
South Park Neighborhood Association