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Honorable Members of the Board of Commissioners  
Ronald Wastewater District  
P.O. Box 33490  
Shoreline, WA 98133-0490

RE: Assumption of Ronald Wastewater District in King County

Board President Atkinson and Commissioners:

As Board President Atkinson, Vice-President Brandon, and I discussed on Monday, July 22, 2019, the City of Shoreline intends to move forward with the assumption of the Ronald Wastewater District in King County. The City anticipates completing this process with the full assumption in King County being effective 12:01 am local time on March 1, 2020. I thought it important to provide a written notice to the full Board of the City's intent.

The City has greatly appreciated the partnership and collaboration between our two agencies since the first phase of the assumption was completed in October 2017. I anticipate that as we move forward with the assumption process, that this collaboration will continue to serve our agencies and, most importantly, the utility customers well. We recognize that it will be imperative for the City to coordinate with the District on a number of issues, especially those related to capital and comprehensive planning.

As per Section 4.8 of the 2002 Interlocal Operating Agreement, between our agencies, the District has granted the City a limited power of attorney to execute a joint petition to Superior Court for dissolution of the District pursuant to RCW 35.1A.080, when authorized by the City Council. The City Attorney's Office will be preparing the Joint Petition this month and as such we will be seeking the Board's signature once the petition is drafted. It is our hope that by having both the City Council and the Ronald Board sign the petition prior to filing with the Court that the process will move forward more efficiently. The City anticipates

filing the petition with King County Superior Court in October to meet the expected assumption timeline.

City staff would like to work closely with the District's General Manager and Engineer to coordinate on the transfer of applicable contracts, understand the status of various projects, and plan for the transition to the City. I would anticipate that establishing a regular meeting schedule between our key staff members would be most helpful in completing this work. I know that it will be important to make sure that as this process moves forward that the Board receives regular status updates and would hope that those could occur as part of the regular updates the Board receives on the City's service agreement.

If the Board has any questions regarding next steps, please let me know. As previously stated, it will be important that we work together to complete the assumption for the benefit of the wastewater customers.

Sincerely,



Debbie Tarry  
City Manager

CC: City Council  
John Norris, Assistant City Manager  
Douglas Wittinger, District Administrator