

Dear Rep. Ryu,

On behalf of my colleagues on the Shoreline City Council, I wanted to express our appreciation for your ongoing efforts to support our residents. Your many years of work in the State Legislature reflects values that are shared by our community, including ensuring that every resident is valued and has a fair chance to live a productive life within the city of Shoreline. You have supported livability through State investments that ensure that our local parks facilities are well-maintained and poised to provide quality recreational opportunities. You have advocated for transportation funding, such as the 148th St. Bridge, that creates safe and sustainable access to regional transit. And you have improved the prospects for affordable housing in this community through improved financial incentives, such as recent changes to the Multi-Family Tax Exemption program. We are thankful for all your good work.

I wanted, too, to express our Council's support for the work you are doing and the leadership you are providing with regard to the future of the Fircrest campus. These are exciting times for this significant asset in the heart of Shoreline. With the development of a Campus Master Plan by the Department of Social and Health Services, and the return of 12 acres on the southwest corner to Department of Natural Resources management, it seems certain that both State agencies will be able to move toward a future that puts both the southeast and southwest corners of the campus into productive use. This has been a long time coming, and we share your excitement for future possibility.

Because this is a State project, of course, the City's primary role will be regulatory, establishing land use and zoning, and then overseeing the permitting process for any future development. In that role, we must ultimately look to the State to see which direction they want to go. However, I am optimistic that any future land use and zoning designations will be sufficient to allow the State to achieve any vision it may choose to pursue.

While we await the State's direction for the future of the Fircrest campus, we recognize and support the leadership you are demonstrating, as you seek to coalesce a future for the southeast and southwest corners of the Fircrest campus that would bring significant benefits to our community. You have pulled together social service providers, community leaders, local elected officials, school district leaders, and more to give life to a vision that would bring affordable housing and a social service complex to the Fircrest campus. Please know that we stand behind your efforts and are prepared to support these uses on the Fircrest Campus.

Sincerely,

Keith Scully

Mayor, City of Shoreline