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RE: BRB 04-2014

As initiators of BRB file no. 04-2014, I am providing you with materials that have been submitted to the Boundary Review Board from the City of Algona and Shoreline Planning Commission.

Respectively,

Heidi Turner
Chief Clerk of the Washington State
Boundary Review Board for Snohomish County

Enclosure

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Dear Boundary Review Board Members,

The City of Algona supports the City of Shoreline's assumption of the Ronald Wastewater District (RWD). After reviewing the facts of the case and considering the City of Shoreline's careful, deliberate and lawful path toward assuming the RWD, the City of Algona is confident that the Boundary Review Board will find no other reasonable decision but approval of assumption.

The City of Shoreline has complied with all rules and regulations applicable to assuming the utility. Specifically, the City of Shoreline's road to assumption of the RWD has, and continues to be, consistent and in lockstep with requirements of the Growth Management Act, RCW 36.70A, King County's regional planning efforts and the City of Shoreline's own Comprehensive Plan.

Most notably, RCW 35.13A.030, states "...whenever a portion of a district equal to at least sixty percent of the assessed valuation of the real property lying within such district, is included with the corporate boundaries of a city, the city may assume by ordinance the full and complete management and control of that portion of the entire district not included within another city..." Considering that 99 percent of its residents are served by the district, the statute grants the City of Shoreline the authority to assume the entirety of utility district.

Further, assuming utilities is a critical tool in allowing cities to provide services of high quality and efficiency. Assumptions such as the City of Shoreline's, enables the city to decrease overhead costs and streamline operational costs. Evidence of this fact, is a study of the assumption by the City of Shoreline of RWD showing that assuming the RWD will result in nearly \$5 million of savings.

Preserving the power and process of assumption is critical in maintaining a city's ability to conduct business that is equitable to its residents and efficient in operation. Approving the City of Shoreline's assumption of the RWD upholds the rights and abilities of all cities in the Puget Sound region to better serve their residents.

Sincerely,

Mayor David E. Hill, City of Algona

cc. Debbie Tarry, City Manager, City of Shoreline

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Dear Snohomish County Boundary Review Board members:

Join the Ronald Wastewater District Commissioners and the City of Shoreline in supporting the assumption of the Ronald Wastewater District (RWD). The benefits of assumption of the RWD by the City are numerous.

Assumption achieves efficiencies through reduced overhead and streamlined operational costs; provides a more comprehensive and coordinated approach to reinvesting in Shoreline infrastructure, aiding in redevelopment of different parts of the City; and provides more financial and human resources to the utility in the event of an emergency. Financially, a study of the issue has shown that assuming the RWD will result in a savings of \$4.9 million from 2020 through 2040.

The benefits are not limited to the City. Unifying the RWD with City operations provides an improved customer experience through combined utility billing, coordinated information responses, and "one stop" customer service and permitting. Ratepayers will have a more transparent process for rate-setting and decision-making by having a single group of Shoreline-elected officials accountable to Shoreline voters. Customers will also have better access to information and channels of communication with a single website and integrated customer service operations for utilities and the City.

Please approve the assumption of the RWD in order to provide for comprehensive, coordinated, economical wastewater services within the City of Shoreline.

Sincerely,

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Dear Snohomish County Boundary Review Board members:

Please let this note convey our support of the City of Shoreline's assumption of the Ronald Wastewater District (RWD).

Assumption of the RWD is a critical component of the City's Comprehensive Plan, adopted by the Shoreline City Council in December 2012. One of the Plan's primary goals is to "[p]rovide adequate public facilities that address past deficiencies and anticipate the needs of growth through acceptable levels of service, prudent use of fiscal resources, and realistic timelines."

In support of this goal, the City must assume the RWD, as outlined in the 2002 Interlocal Operating Agreement between the City of Shoreline and the RWD. Related, the City is also preparing for the expiration of the Shoreline Water District franchise (scheduled for 2027) by evaluating the possibility of assumption and consolidation with the City's water system acquired from the City of Seattle (SPU). Consolidating all of these resources is necessary to provide high quality services to the residents of Shoreline and to prepare for future growth.

The City and RWD Commissioners have been working thoughtfully over the past year to ensure any possible issues related to the assumption are mitigated. Both have jointly created two subcommittees, a Committee of Elected Officials and a Staff Committee. The committees are developing a Transition Plan that identifies and addresses all policy issues necessary for the assumption of the RWD and to ensure a smooth operational transition.

The City of Shoreline Planning Commission urges your approval of the assumption of the RWD in order to provide for comprehensive, coordinated, economical wastewater services within the City of Shoreline.

Sincerely,

Easton Craft, Vice Chair
on behalf of the City of Shoreline Planning Commission

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