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Mayor of Seattle

October 9, 2003

The Honorable Larry Springer, Mayor
City of Kirkland
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Dear Mayor Springer: *Larry*

I understand that over the past several months the City of Kirkland elected officials and staff have been approached with questions and concerns about the City of Seattle development plans for Sand Point Magnuson Park. It is my understanding that a number of your residents are specifically concerned about the potential for noise and light impacts associated with the proposed sports field improvements. Those improvements are part of larger project that will also create a 65 acre wetland/habitat.

I am very interested in assisting you address the concerns of your residents. Eric Friedli, Director of Sand Point Magnuson Park with Seattle Parks and Recreation, has been in touch with Barry Russell. Eric has provided Mr. Russell's additional technical information.

The proposal for the development of the sports field complex already includes mitigation measures that should minimize the impacts on the residents of Kirkland. Our proposal already limits the level of lighting to the lowest level necessary for safe recreational play. In addition, the proposal includes a mix of full cutoff and shielded lights that minimize off-site glare. We are in the process of finalizing the field configuration, as well as hours of operation. Eric will provide more detail on each of these aspects of the project to Mr. Russell.

The City's next procedural step is to receive recommendations from the Board of Park Commissioners which we anticipate after their meeting on October 23, 2003. Seattle Parks and Recreation will then prepare a final project proposal. I have asked Eric Friedli to keep Mr. Russell informed as we move through these steps in the approval process.

Sincerely,



GREG NICKELS
Mayor of Seattle

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David Ramsay, Kirkland City Manager
Barry Russell, Kirkland Director of Parks and Community Services
Kenneth R. Bounds, Superintendent, Seattle Parks and Recreation
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