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The Honorable Jay Inslee
Office of the Governor
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RE: Opportunity Zone Designation SOUTH City of SeaTac (LIC Tracts: 53033028402, 53033028403, 53033028802) Request for designation of Tract 53033028801

Honorable Governor Inslee,

The City of SeaTac appreciates your support and designation of five requested census tracts as Opportunity Zones within our City limits. The City believes these Opportunity Zones will strengthen our local economy and lead to the creation of more job opportunities in our community.

The City originally submitted two applications: one for North SeaTac and one for South SeaTac. Census tract 53033028402 contains both the Sea-Tac International Airport and a commercial / residential neighborhood, and was included in both applications, as it is centrally located within the City. After the final approval of designations, it was noted that approximately half of the designated census tract 53033028402 is encumbered by existing airport runway operations and is not eligible for redevelopment or reinvestment as intended by the Opportunity Zones program.

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One additional census tract eligible through contiguity (53033028801) was not included during the initial application process due to the abundance of outright qualified eligible tracts.

In light news of ineligibility of census tract 53033028402 redevelopment, the City requests consideration of the contiguous census tract 53033028801 for future designation as an Opportunity Zone, if and when such process becomes available. Designation of the contiguous census tract would significantly and positively impact investment and redevelopment potential of the communities surrounding existing and planned public infrastructure investments including the Sound Transit Federal Way Light Rail Extension and the State Route 509 Gateway Project.

The City believes your support of these Opportunity Zones and their federal tax breaks will allow the City to attract private investment and help the City create jobs and benefit multiple community within SeaTac.

Thank you for your consideration! Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Carl Cole
City Manager

Initial Application Submissions:

Opportunity Zone Designation NORTH City of SeaTac (LIC Tracts: 53033027300, 53033028100, 53033028402) and Opportunity Zone Designation SOUTH City of SeaTac (LIC Tracts: 53033028402, 53033028403, 53033028802)

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