



Dear Mayor French and Councilmembers,

I am writing to you today as an advocate for the preservation of history and community building that spans our northwestern corner of King County. Since 1976, the Shoreline Historical Museum has been the focal point of these preservation efforts and over the decades, it has grown into what you see today.

Today, we serve as a repository for the historic and contemporary documents that track our communities' growth, including the formation of Lake Forest Park. We protect the objects that tell innumerable stories about the people that live here.

We develop programming that highlights elements of our past and challenges our perceptions of the present. Our programs at the LFP Library Branch and walking tours of Duwamish sites by Lyons Creek demonstrate the enthusiasm the Lake Forest Park Community has for this kind of work.

In a survey we conducted over the course of 2023, we had the highest number of respondents (22%) from the 98155 zip code, an important indication of the number of people from Lake Forest Park that engage with the Museum. This is no more evident than through the people from Lake Forest Park that are a driving force in the Miyawaki Urban Forest History Project. Our Planting Day in December of 2023 even included Mayor Tom French and Councilmember Tracy Furutani, among others.

For our community Museum to continue and thrive, we seek additional forms of revenue to secure our future. This year as you review the upcoming budget, we respectfully ask that you consider allocating funds to the Shoreline Historical Museum. As evidenced by the long standing contract we have with the City of Shoreline, the funds we receive ensure that we develop exhibits, programs, and community events that benefit all.

Over the past several years, the City of Shoreline allocates .04% of their budget to support the Museum which comes to \$60,000 annually. I would urge this council and Mayor French consider a proportionate amount to the City of Lake Forest Park's budget.

The financial support that we might gain from this relationship and clear ways that the Museum can be more specifically involved with the City of Lake Forest Park would provide long-lasting, sustainable support for all communities.

Thank you very much for your consideration,

Kenneth Doult
Executive Director