



**TO**

**DATE:** 21 November 2022

**JESSICA ROSSMAN**

Mayor

City of Medina

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Dear Mayor Rossman,

We are very pleased to be offering marine patrol services to the City of Medina and we are writing to ask you to support Representative Tana Senn's appropriation request in the upcoming State Legislative Session for funding to replace two of the Mercer Island marine patrol vessels.

The Mercer Island Marine Patrol unit currently has two vessels in its fleet that will be reaching the end of their useful life in the next few years. The City has anticipated the need for new vessels and reserved sinking funds for the replacement. These resources, however, are likely to fall short given the rising costs of replacement vessels. We began working with Representative Senn earlier this year on an appropriation request to ensure there is no lapse in regional coverage or emergency response.

On November 1, 2022, the Mercer Island City Council adopted our 2023 Legislative Priorities and identified the marine patrol vessel replacement as a top priority. As a regional partner in our marine patrol program, we are now asking for your support through advocacy and the inclusion of this item as one of your legislative priorities:

"The City of Mercer Island State-certified Marine Patrol Unit was founded in 1982 and provides marine patrol services to Medina, Bellevue, Renton, Yarrow Point, and Hunts Point for their water-based services with just three vessels. Two of the vessels are near the end of their useful life and the City is seeking funding for the \$1.1 million in estimated replacement costs."

We have included the City of Mercer Island's Legislative Priorities and a one-page summary describing the vessel replacement need.

We are grateful to Representative Senn for her support of this critical regional program and welcome your partnership and advocacy as well. We are happy to meet to further discuss the need and please also let us know if there are ways we can collaborate with Medina on your priorities during the upcoming Legislative Session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Salim Nice".

**SALIM NICE**  
Mayor

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**JESSI BON**  
City Manager

Enclosure