



September 5, 2023

Department of Commerce
Attn: Grant Committee
PO Box 42525
Olympia, WA 98504-2525

RE: Letter of Commitment to the Mercer Island Middle Housing Grant

Dear Department of Commerce Grant Committee,

The City of Mercer Island appreciates the opportunity to apply for a Middle Housing Grant. The timing aligns well with our periodic update of the Mercer Island Comprehensive Plan, now well underway, and our planned updates to development regulations to comply with recent state legislation, including HB 1110 and HB 1337.

The Mercer Island City Council has authorized its full support for the Middle Housing Grant application. The proposed scope of work and grant funding request will assist the City of Mercer Island with preparing and adopting development regulation amendments to implement the requirements of HB 1110 related to middle housing in our community by the deadline of June 30, 2025.

We understand that the GMA also requires us to adopt policies related to moderate density housing options including, but not limited to, duplexes, triplexes, and townhomes. These policies will be considered and adopted as part of our periodic update to our Comprehensive Plan, to be completed by December 31, 2024, which we acknowledge precedes the deadline for compliance with HB 1110.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Salim Nice
Mayor



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