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Mr. Bill Bowlin 13022 - 26th Avenue South Seattle, Washington 98168

Dear Mr. Bowlin:

In December, Port of Seattle and Federal Aviation Administration representatives met with State Representative Janet Berleen. The main topic of conversation was the North Sea-Tac Park, specifically the density guidelines as recommended in the North Sea-Tac Park Master Plan.

As you know, the concept of the North Sea-Tac Park included participation by the Port, King County, and community. Because of budget restrictions, the King County Department of Parks and Recreation has been involved to a lesser extent than originally envisioned. Your organization, the Greater Highline Community Parks Board, has taken over the leadership role of King County in park development but as a non-profit organization without a taxing base such as the County has, the Parks Board faces problems of funding too.

The density guidelines contained in the Plan and lease between the Port and Parks Board are parameters for development. The FAA, in a letter to Senator Slade Gorton, states that the "participant oriented " concept would satisfy their criteria in regard to areas other than the Sunset Junior High. School complex so long as the general development of the park paralleled that recommended in the Plan.

The gymnasium and meeting areas of the school building are subject to a recommended sixty (60) person limit. In view of your non-profit status and needs to raise funds for park development and operations, both the FAA and Port feel that special events may require special attention. The spirit and intent of the guidelines are to remain. If the Parks Board, however, feels that a special fund raising event which potentially will exceed the present guidelines can benefit the long-term development of the park, it should contact the Port and FAA for permission to hold such an event.

It is not my intent to allow in Sunset regular events that exceed the 60 person recommendation. The guidelines were developed to assist in limiting the size of gatherings directly under the flight paths. The Port and FAA see them as necessary for orderly, compatible use of the North Sea-Tac Park but wish to allow the Parks Board to conduct its business in a fiscally and socially responsible way.

Sincerely,

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Director of Aviation

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