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Honorable Commissioners,

The City of Issaquah is supportive of the Port of Seattle's Economic Development Partnership Program. This cooperative program has provided cities such as Issaquah with the ability to enhance economic development efforts around small business development, business recruitment and workforce development. When the pandemic hit, Port staff were quick to respond to the changing needs facing Issaquah and worked to amend our scope to address changing business needs.

The Port staff recommendation for the 2021 program is in line with what cities like Issaquah needs – the ability to focus our efforts to retain businesses and help them pivot to the “new normal” conditions of post COVID.

We greatly appreciate the Port of Seattle's support for economic development activities throughout King County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Lou Pauly", enclosed within a circular scribble.

Mary Lou Pauly
Mayor