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Please include the attached letter of support for the 2021 Economic Development Partnership Program from the City of Woodinville as written comment for the Port of Seattle Commission regular meeting on 2/9/21.

Thank you,
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February 2, 2021

Honorable Commissioners of the Port of Seattle,

The Woodinville City Council sends this letter in unanimous support of the Port of Seattle's Economic Development Partnership Program as you consider the program's continuation.

Since the Program's inception in 2016, the City of Woodinville has been a beneficiary of Program funds to support tourism, placemaking, and economic recovery activities. The City has leveraged Program funds to directly respond to studies from previous grant cycles, improving different geographic areas throughout the City and strengthening local relationships to enhance future economic development activities.

The Program has had impacts far beyond each year's project. The Program has provided a unique opportunity to establish and improve relationships with other regional jurisdictions, including the Port of Seattle's economic development staff. As a small city, Woodinville lacks the economic development staff of other larger cities and greatly benefits from the Economic Development Partnership Program by being able to work and coordinate with others. The project funding and the opportunity for collaboration and information sharing with other cities and Port of Seattle staff has proven invaluable to the City.

The City greatly appreciates the Port of Seattle's historical willingness to collaborate on local projects that further interests of the Port and Cities' alike. While we understand that revenues have been impacted by the pandemic, leveraging local funding and investing in economic recovery projects now will have great returns as our region regains its economic footing.

Thank you for your consideration and the City looks forward to opportunities for partnership in the future.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary G. Harris".

Mayor Gary Harris