

**Issaquah School District No. 411
Resolution No. 1097
Concerning Board Support of
Proposed City of Issaquah Annexation and
Pre-Annexation Zoning for King County Island**

THIS RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of the Issaquah School District No. 411 is in support of proposed annexation and pre-annexation zoning for that unincorporated area located immediately adjacent to the municipal boundaries of the City of Issaquah and commonly known as the “King County Island.”

WHEREAS, the District has experienced notable growth in student enrollment in recent years and expects continued student enrollment growth in the near future and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the District has an identified need to plan for future school facilities to meet current and projected student enrollment needs; and

WHEREAS, at the present time, the District has a documented need to construct an additional high school, middle school, two elementary schools, and additional elementary capacity to accommodate enrollment growth and education program needs in the District; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Board of Directors has determined that additional property is required to service the District's school purposes and needs; and

WHEREAS, the District is limited to siting new schools on property located within the urban growth boundary (“UGB”) and must proactively search for adequate school sites inside the UGB; and

WHEREAS, the District must compete with private developers for the limited available land located inside the UGB; and

WHEREAS, District’s voters approved a \$533,500,000 bond in April 2016 that includes funding for the construction of one new comprehensive high school, one new middle school, and two new elementary schools, as well as additions at existing schools and other capital improvements to the District’s facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Issaquah is contemplating annexation of the King County Island and pre-annexation zoning that would include a portion of the property zoned as “Community Facilities – CF-F;” and

WHEREAS, by letter dated June 16, 2017, from Superintendent Ron Thiele to City Administrator Bob Harrison, the District expressed its interest in an approximately 7.1 acre portion of the King County Island for use as a future school site (the “Intended School Site”);

WHEREAS, the Intended School Site has the potential, with certain zoning to allow the District to construct a new elementary school; and

WHEREAS, construction of a new elementary school at the Intended School Site would help to alleviate elementary capacity concerns throughout the District and specifically at Grand Ridge and Clark Elementary Schools.

WHEREAS, the “Issaquah Highlands” has a current K-5 student enrollment of 1,214 students and;

WHEREAS, the sole “Issaquah Highlands” elementary (Grand Ridge) has a permanent building capacity of 576 students resulting in student housing deficit of 638 student seats.

WHEREAS, the City’s annexation of the King County Island and adoption of the pre-annexation zoning would be consistent with adopted King County Countywide Planning Policy 19A and the direction to “[p]lan, through a cooperative process between jurisdictions and school districts, that public school facilities are available, to meet the needs of existing and projected residential development” and use toward this end strategies such as regulatory changes and revised development standards; and

WHEREAS, the City’s annexation of the King County Island and adoption of the pre-annexation zoning would be consistent with the City of Issaquah Comprehensive Plan Economic Vitality Goal B which recognizes that ““good schools”” are a fundamental component to our family-oriented community [and that people] relocate to Issaquah, and continue to live here, in part, because of the excellence of the public schools and educational opportunities;” and

WHEREAS the City’s annexation of the King County Island and adoption of the pre-annexation zoning would be consistent with the City of Issaquah Comprehensive Plan Economic Vitality Policy C3 which provides that the City will “[a]ssist Issaquah School District in planning for growth;” and

WHEREAS the City’s annexation of the King County Island and adoption of the pre-annexation zoning would be consistent with the City of Issaquah Comprehensive Plan Capital Facilities Goal A to “[p]rovide adequate public services and facilities which address existing deficiencies and future needs through prudent use of fiscal resources, levels of service, realistic time lines, resource management, and sustainable development.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Issaquah School District No. 411 hereby supports the proposed annexation by the City of Issaquah of the

King County Island with the proposed pre-annexation zoning of a portion of the property as Community Facilities – CF-F and urges the City of Issaquah City Council to consider and take timely action on this matter for the benefit of the students and citizens of the City of Issaquah.

This Resolution, Number 1097, shall be immediately transmitted to the City Council of Issaquah upon adoption.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2017.

President

Director

Director

Director

Director

Attested to by:

Secretary, Board of Directors