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Department of Community and Economic Development
Alex Pietsch, Administrator

September 1, 2010

Virginia Cross, Chairperson of the Muckleshoot Tribal Council
Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
39015 172nd Avenue SE
Auburn, WA 98092-9763

Subject: Renton Sunset Area Community – Section 106 Consultation

Dear Chairperson Cross:

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Erika Conkling, AICP, Senior Planner
City of Renton Department of Community and Economic Development

cc: Laura Murphy, Archaeologist

Enclosure: Area of Potential Effects Map

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Allyson Brooks, PhD
State Historic Preservation Officer
Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation
1063 South Capitol Way, Ste. 106
Olympia, WA 98504-8343

Subject: Renton Sunset Area Community – Section 106 Consultation

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Your response to this letter, acknowledging your interest in participating as a consulting party to this undertaking and concurring with the defined APE would be greatly appreciated. We also are inviting comments on the proposed undertaking from the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe.

Thank you for your time. Should you have any questions about this undertaking, please feel free to contact me at (425)430-6578.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Erika L. Conkling".

Erika Conkling, AICP, Senior Planner
City of Renton Department of Community and Economic Development

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Muckleshoot Indian Tribe
Cultural Resources Program
Attn: Laura Murphy, Archaeologist
39015 172nd Avenue SE
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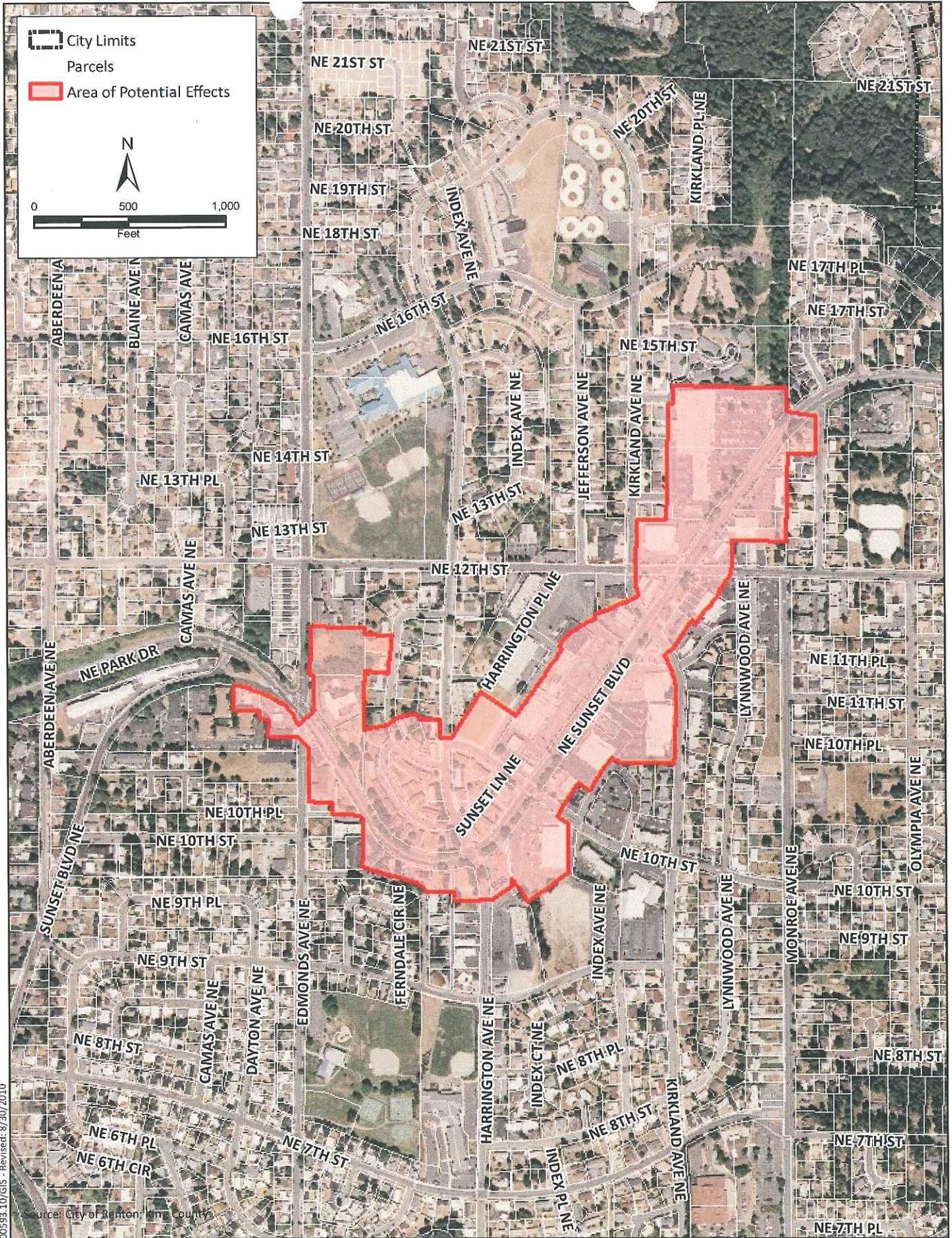
Thank you for your time. Should you have any questions about this undertaking, please feel free to contact me at (425)430-6578. Please note we have also sent this same letter to Tribal Council Chairperson Virginia Cross.

Sincerely,



Erika Conkling, AICP, Senior Planner
City of Renton Department of Community and Economic Development

Enclosure: Area of Potential Effects Map



00593.10/GIS - Revised: 8/30/2010

Source: City of Renton, King County

Area of Potential Effects
 Sunset Area Planned Action/EIS
 City of Renton Sunset EIS





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November 18, 2010

Ms. Ericka Conkling
City of Renton
1055 S Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057

In future correspondence please refer to:

Log: 091010-31-HUD-CDBG
Property: Sunset Terrace Redevelopment Subarea
Re: Determined Eligible

Dear Ms. Conkling:

Thank you for contacting our office. I have reviewed the materials you provided to our office and we concur with your professional consultant's opinion that the Saint Vincent De Paul Superstore is eligible to the National Register of Historic Places. We also concur that the remaining 47 historic-era properties are not eligible. I look forward to further consultation regarding your determination of effect.

I would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribes or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4) and the survey report when it is available. These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulations 36CFR800.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Russell Holter
Project Compliance Reviewer
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russell.holter@dahp.wa.gov



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November 22, 2010

Ms. Allyson Brooks, PhD
State Historic Preservation Officer
ATTN: Mr. Russell Holter
Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation
1063 S. Capitol Way, Suite 106
Olympia, WA 98501

Subject: Section 106 Review—Renton Sunset Area Community
DAHP Log Number: 091010-31-HUD-CDBG
Renton File Number: LUA10-052

Dear Ms. Brooks and Mr. Holter:

The City of Renton and the Renton Housing Authority are proposing a series of activities to revitalize an area known as the Sunset Area Community, located in the vicinity of Sunset Boulevard (SR 900) east of Interstate 405 in the city of Renton, Washington. The potentially federally funded activities would include redevelopment of the Sunset Terrace public housing complex at 970 Harrington NE and its vicinity, including improvements to NE Sunset Boulevard. We previously notified you of this undertaking in correspondence dated September 1, 2010 and October 28, 2010, initiating consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), as amended, and to request concurrence on our determinations of eligibility, respectively. You concurred with our findings on NRHP eligibility on November 18, 2010.

ICF International is assisting the City in meeting the requirements of Section 106 of the NHPA and has conducted a cultural resources survey for the undertaking. The study comprised an archaeological investigation and a historic resources survey. A copy was provided to you on October 28, 2010. It recommends that the proposed undertaking would not adversely affect the NRHP-eligible historic property located in the undertaking's Area of Potential Effects. Based on this finding, we have concluded that the proposed undertaking would have "no adverse effect" on historic properties in the APE.

With this letter, we hereby request your concurrence with our finding that the proposed project will have no adverse effect on historic properties.

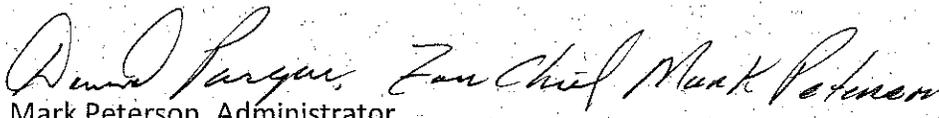
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Thank you for your assistance with this review. Please feel free to contact project manager Erika Conkling at (425) 430-6578 should you have any questions.

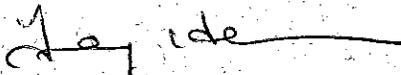
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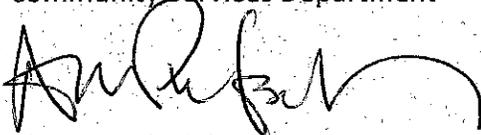
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November 30, 2010

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Renton, WA 98057

In future correspondence please refer to:
Log: 091010-31-HUD-CDBG
Property: Sunset Terrace Redevelopment Subarea
Re: NO Adverse Effect

Dear Ms. Conkling:

Thank you for contacting the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP). The above referenced project has been reviewed on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer under provisions of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (as amended) and 36 CFR Part 800. My review is based upon documentation contained in your communication.

I concur that the current project as proposed will have "NO ADVERSE EFFECT" on National Register eligible or listed historic and cultural resources. If additional information on the project becomes available, or if any archaeological resources are uncovered during construction, please halt work in the area of discovery and contact the appropriate Native American Tribes and DAHP for further consultation.

Please note that DAHP requires that all historic property inventory and archaeological site forms be provided to our office in PDF format on a labeled CD along with an unbound paper copy. For further information please go to http://www.dahp.wa.gov/documents/CR_ReportPDF_Requirement.pdf. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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ATTN: Mr. Russell Holter
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Subject: Section 106 Review—Renton Housing Authority Development Projects at 2902 Northeast 12th Street, 1150 Harrington Avenue NE, and Kirkland Ave NE between NE 15th and NE 16th streets

Dear Ms. Brooks and Mr. Holter:

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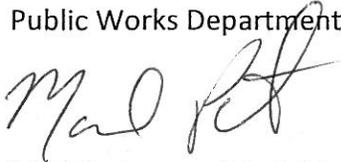
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Thank you for your assistance with this review. Please feel free to contact me at (425) 430-6578 should you have any questions.

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City of Renton Environmental Review Committee



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Enclosure: Cultural Resources Survey Report

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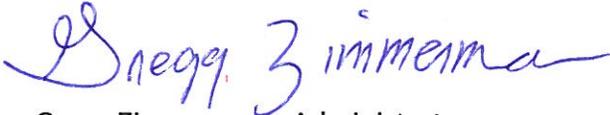
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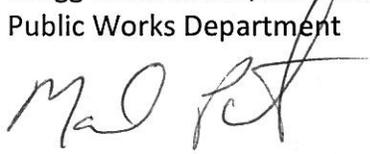
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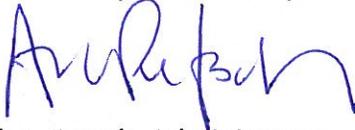
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February 24, 2011

Mr. Gregg Zimmerman
Community & Economic Development
City of Renton
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Renton, Washington 98057

Re: Multifamily/ Institutional Bldgs. Project
Log No.: 022411-06-HUD

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

Thank you for contacting our department. We have reviewed the professional archaeological survey report for the proposed Multifamily/ Institutional Buildings Project at 2902 NE 12th Street, 1150 Harrington Ave. NE, and Kirkland Ave NE –NE15th and NE 16th Streets, Renton, King County, Washington.

We concur with the determination of No Historic Properties Affected.

We would appreciate receiving any correspondence or comments from concerned tribe's cultural committee or other parties that you receive as you consult under the requirements of 36CFR800.4(a)(4).

In the event that archaeological or historic materials are discovered during project activities, work in the immediate vicinity must stop, the area secured, and this department and the tribe's cultural committee notified. These comments are based on the information available at the time of this review and on behalf of the State Historic Preservation Officer in compliance with the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations 36CFR800.4. Should additional information become available, our assessment may be revised, including information regarding historic properties that have not yet been identified. Thank you for the opportunity to comment and a copy of these comments should be included in subsequent environmental documents.

Sincerely,

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State Archaeologist
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