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Mayors Mourn for Citizens of Minneapolis and Minnesota

RENTON, WA. – At the King County Annual Mayors' Meeting, mayors from the Puget Sound region issued a statement to mourn for those who lost their lives in the tragic bridge collapse in Minneapolis.

“This is a catastrophe of historic proportions. The citizens of the Puget Sound region extend our heartfelt sympathies to the people of Minneapolis who are suffering the tragic loss of innocent lives and injuries as a result of the collapse of the I-35W bridge yesterday. Our prayers are with those who died and their families and friends.

We will support our colleague Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak, and the citizens of Minneapolis to help those impacted by the disaster, as well as help the community during these hard times. We will also work with the U.S. Conference of Mayors to get federal assistance for the recovery and rebuild effort, as assessments of what occurred are in progress.

We will also work together and coordinate with state and federal agencies to ensure the safety and security of citizens of our region and make sure that our bridges, roads, transit systems and waterways are regularly inspected and meet the highest safety standards.

Let us keep the citizens of Minneapolis in our thoughts.”

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Grant Degginger
Mayor, City of Bellevue

Handwritten signature of George Martin in black ink.

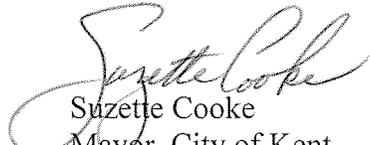
George Martin
Mayor, City of Clyde Hill

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Margaret Harto
Mayor, City of Covington

Handwritten signature of John Wise in black ink.

John Wise
Mayor, City of Enumclaw



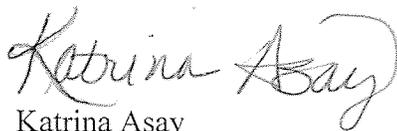
Suzette Cooke
Mayor, City of Kent



Jim Lauinger
Mayor, City of Kirkland



David R. Hutchison
Mayor, City of Lake Forest Park



Katrina Asay
Mayor, City of Milton



Jean Garber
Mayor, City of Newcastle



Ken Hearing
Mayor, City of North Bend



Rosemarie Ives
Mayor, City of Redmond



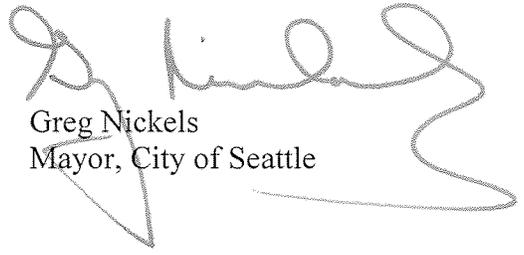
Kathy Keolker
Mayor, City of Renton



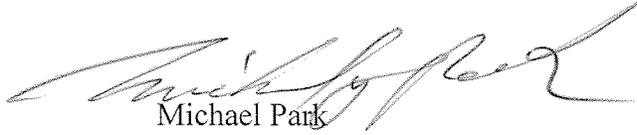
Matt Larson
City of Snoqualmie

A stylized handwritten signature in black ink, featuring a large, bold 'P' and 'L' with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Pete Lewis
Mayor, City of Auburn

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing as a series of connected loops and curves, with a long horizontal line at the end.

Greg Nickels
Mayor, City of Seattle

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of fluid, overlapping loops and curves.

Michael Park
Mayor, City of Federal Way