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David H. Rogers
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Dear David:

Thank you for working with me and City staff in discussing the development of your proposed store near the Bakerview and Pacific highway as a replacement for your existing store on the Guide Meridian. Per recently held discussions, the City of Bellingham is proposing the following to assist in your relocation:

- [REDACTED]

- [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

- The City will take the lead on the construction of Dover Street. [REDACTED]

We understand Costco needs to ensure the Bakerview site is a good long-term investment. The City is currently planning and seeking funding to extend Horton Road, which we anticipate will result in some relief at Bakerview/I-5 interchange. In addition, the City will commit to building the Division Street connector within the next 5 to 10 years. This connection will provide direct access from Dover to Pacific Highway just north of the Bakerview site. We expect this important connection will provide Costco customers with a convenient route to the Slater/I-5 interchange.

Staff engineers believe that the cost is close to the \$500,000 for Dover Street and exceeding \$1 million for the development of Horton Road and Division Road.

- [REDACTED]

As you know, I am committed to having Costco remain as part of the Bellingham business community.

[REDACTED]

In addition to these items, the City is prepared to offer Costco the project management expertise of our Planning and Public Works staff in addressing the site specific questions and concerns that might arise from State and Federal agencies.

My office and staff look forward to discussing this proposal with you. As you know, any agreement is subject to Council approval and legal review.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to continuing our work together.

Sincerely,



Mayor Kelli Linville

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