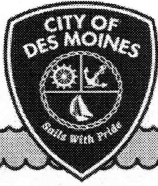
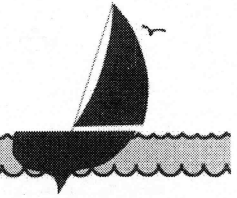


City of Des Moines



City Manager's Office
21630 11th AVENUE S, SUITE A
DES MOINES, WASHINGTON 98198-6398
(206) 878-4595 T.D.D: (206) 824-6024 FAX: (206) 870-6540



January 19, 2024

Dr. Elena Austin, University of Washington, elaustin@uw.edu
Tim Gould, University of Washington, tgould@uw.edu

Letter of Support RE: Long-term monitoring of airport and traffic related air pollutants in proximity to Sea-Tac Airport

Dear Dr. Austin,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Des Moines in support of the Local and Community Project (LCP), sponsored by Representative Tina Orwall and Senator Karen Keiser, entitled **Long-term monitoring of airport and traffic related air pollutants in proximity to Sea-Tac Airport**.

The City of Des Moines is located in the southern part of King County, WA and is in close proximity to major transportation infrastructure in the State including the Sea-Tac airport and major roadways such as SR 99, SR 509, and SR 516. The City of Des Moines welcomes having the opportunity to participate in this effort to extend the currently available data collected describing air quality in our community. Currently there are no ambient air quality monitoring sites located within the cities of Des Moines, Burien or Normandy Park. Last year, funding was awarded and used to develop plans for an air quality site in the City of SeaTac, operated by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. Because flight patterns are significantly different North and South of Sea-Tac airport, we propose to support additional long-term air quality monitoring in our community so that important trends and annual average air pollution concentrations in our community can be monitored and reported.

The City of Des Moines fully supports this important research and it is in alignment with the City Council's adopted and long-standing legislative priorities to minimize and mitigate the airports health and environmental impact on Des Moines residents.

The Waterland City

Dr. Elena Austin
Page Two
January 19, 2024

We strongly believe that supporting long-term monitoring within our south King County communities will provide important scientific information on aircraft and roadway traffic impacts within our community. We also believe that this data collection will support future understanding of long-term changes in ambient air quality as well as allow for the evaluation of future mitigation efforts aimed at improving our community's air quality.

Best,



Tim George
Interim City Manager

cc: Des Moines City Council
Senator Karen Keiser
Representative Tina Orwall