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Dear Director Bremer:

On behalf of the Olympia City Council I want to thank you for inviting Olympia's continued participation in the options and alternatives around Capitol Lake and Deschutes River estuary. Now that you have received the CLAMP Committee recommendations, we felt it was important to emphasize Olympia's position. I know that you have previously received a matrix of issues and interests from the City of Olympia which articulate concerns raised by members of our community about the State's ultimate decision with regard to these bodies of water; nonetheless, it is attached again for your review.

As we reviewed the final CLAMP Committee report, we wanted to emphasize our priorities. The City of Olympia strongly supports the following outcomes as part of a decision on this issue:

1. Improved sediment management
2. Improved water quality
3. Improved social and economic conditions
4. Emphasis on implementation as key to any decision

We understand that the CLAMP Steering Committee has recommended formation of a new governing body with authority and funding to make and implement the State's ultimate decision. This is essential to success. We strongly support the formation of this governing body with the authority and committed



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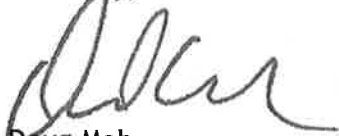
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funding that will allow any vision to become a reality. As we have indicated, reliable and complete implementation of any recommendation is the key for stakeholders affected by the State's ultimate decision.

In addition, while the City acknowledges references to economic analyses in the report, we think this is an area that must be strengthened as the State moves forward. Specifically, an implementation plan must carefully address the economic impacts of recreational boating, Port activities, tourism, and other commercial enterprises that rely upon the current lake for survival. Our other issues and interests are articulated in the attached matrix. Furthermore, we encourage the State to continue to reach out to the public through a public hearing, town hall meeting, or other forums to ensure that community interests are understood by State decision makers.

Finally, we wanted to emphasize that the City of Olympia is willing to be an active partner in the continuing work of the State on this important policy issue for our community. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Doug Mah
Mayor

cc: Olympia City Council

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