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Submitted via e-mail: Whitney.Abrams@soundtransit.org

Re: Sound Transit Labor Liaison Appointment

Dear Ms. Abrams,

As President of the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, it is my pleasure to identify and recommend labor leaders to carry forward the voice of our State's over 600,000 union members on behalf of the 600 affiliated local unions we represent. Given the critical role that Sound Transit fulfills with respect to job creation and job access, it is particularly gratifying to nominate leaders in our movement to the Labor Liaison position adjacent to the Sound Transit Board.

It is my understanding that the incumbent, Lisa Bogardus formerly of the Seattle Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO, has retired and is no longer able to represent our movement to the Board. Accordingly, it is my pleasure to recommend as her replacement Heather Kurtenbach, a member of the Ironworkers Local 86 and Executive-Secretary of the Washington State Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. Sister Kurtenbach is a thoughtful and seasoned leader who understands well the regional importance of Sound Transit and has the relationships necessary to facilitate meaningful and fruitful engagement between Washington State's Labor Movement, its workforce, and this critical agency.

Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

April Sims, President