April 10, 2019

Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation
Harry Pickernell Sr., Chairman
PO Box 536
Oakville, WA 98568

Dear Chairman Pickernell,

As you may know, Thurston County and the Cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater have contracted with the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) to develop a regional Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan. As an important regional partner, we want to engage the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation in this critically important work.

The Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan will be a companion to TRPC’s Thurston Climate Adaptation Plan which was adopted in January 2018. Combined, the mitigation and adaptation plans will form a comprehensive climate action strategy to prepare for and reduce climate change effects that will impact our communities.

A Phase 1 effort, completed in 2018, accomplished the following objectives: 1) Assess each jurisdiction’s climate policies and the implementation status of actions to reduce public and private sector emissions; and 2) Identify and jointly adopt a common emissions baseline and science-based targets to reduce communitywide emissions by 45% below 2015 levels by 2030 and 85% below 2015 levels by 2050.

Phase 2 officially launched in January 2019 and will take up to 18 months to complete. Work will include analyzing mitigation actions, developing implementation strategies, and establishing accountability measures to help the participating jurisdictions reach their shared emissions targets. A Stakeholder Advisory Committee will contribute subject matter expertise to the project. A consultant team will lead the technical analysis and design a public participation/community engagement strategy.

The partner jurisdictions believe the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation can offer critical perspectives and feedback that will strengthen the outcomes of this important regional planning process. Our communities respectfully welcome you to participate in this endeavor in a manner that works best for the Tribe. Each partner jurisdiction has appointed elected representatives to an interjurisdictional policymaker panel, referred to as the Steering Committee, to guide the development of the Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan. A meeting between representatives of the Tribe and the Steering Committee could be a potential next step.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to discussing this further with you. For more information about the mitigation and adaptation planning work, please visit www.trpc.org/climate. Paul Brewster, Senior Planner with Thurston Regional Planning Council, is the project manager. He can be reached at 360-741-2526 or brewstp@trpc.org.

Sincerely,

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Board of County Commissioners
Cheryl Selby, Mayor
City of Olympia

Andrea D. Clyde
Mayor
City of Lacey

Pete Kmet, Mayor
City of Tumwater
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Squaxin Island Tribe
Arnold Cooper, Chairman
10 SE Squaxin Lane
Shelton, WA 98584

Dear Chairman Cooper,

As you may know, Thurston County and the Cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater have contracted with the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) to develop a regional Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan. As an important regional partner we want to engage the Squaxin Island Tribe in this critically important work.

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Nisqually Indian Tribe
Ken Choke, Chairman
4520 She-Nah-Num Drive SE
Olympia, WA 98513

Dear Chairman Choke,

As you may know, Thurston County and the Cities of Lacey, Olympia, and Tumwater have contracted with the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) to develop a regional Thurston Climate Mitigation Plan. As an important regional partner, we want to engage the Nisqually Indian Tribe in this critically important work.

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