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Tiffani,

This letter confirms Friends of Waterfront Seattle's (Friends) financial commitment to personnel dedicated to our shared public safety goals as part of our partnership with the City of Seattle (City) on the operation of Waterfront Park.

For the 2023 calendar year, Friends of Waterfront Seattle has committed \$990,000 towards public safety staffing costs outside of Friends' staff positions. These funds will be drawn down beginning January 1, 2023, to fund contracted, private security to continuously (24/7/365) monitor publicly accessible areas of Waterfront Park in the same manner as Friends currently provides this service. Friends will continue to provide this contracted, private security until it is informed by the City that Seattle Center is prepared to assume this continuous security presence.

If the assumption of this security responsibility by the City begins in full on June 1, 2023, Friends will provide \$596,250 to the City to fund public employees fulfilling this responsibility. If the City assumes these responsibilities before or after June 1, 2023, Friends will adjust this commitment by an equitable amount to account for the increased or decreased use of private security. Friends will require a 30-day notice of the transfer of this public safety responsibility to close our private security contract adequately.

Under the assumption that the transition of this security responsibility is completed in 2023, Friends is committed to transferring the following amounts to the City to fund public employees in public safety roles at Waterfront Park.

- In 2024, \$945,000
- In 2025, \$1,000,000
- In 2026, \$1,000,000
- In 2027, \$1,000,000
- In 2028, \$1,000,000

Friends shall continue to fund our social services, park ambassadors, public safety management, and special event security outside of the commitments outlined in this letter.

If you have any questions about this commitment, please let me know. We appreciate our continued partnership with the City in providing a safe Waterfront Park that is welcoming to all visitors through our shared operational model.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eldon Tam", written over a horizontal line.

Eldon Tam  
Chief Operating Officer  
Friends of Waterfront Seattle