

July 30, 2015

Jamie Dimon, CEO JP Morgan Chase & Co. 270 Park Avenue New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Dimon,

We are writing today to request your support for an allocation of settlement dollars to support an important foreclosure prevention fund that is being established by one of our region's strongest CDFIs. Craft3, working with Further Development, has presented the proposal to your local team and are now awaiting guidance on both the process and substance of your upcoming settlement allocation decisions. With many areas of our State still suffering from the mortgage crisis, it's imperative that permanent, scalable, market-driven solutions be funded.

- In Seattle-Metro Area 24% of bottom-tier homeowners are underwater, compared to 6% of top-tier owners. In addition, in 2012 the 2nd Quarter Zillow report found that in Seattle-Metro Area the average amount of negative equity was approximately \$92,200, today it is \$109,250.
- Statewide, the overall percentage of homes with negative equity is 15%, with some counties as high as 28% (Lincoln County)

26% Grays Harbor County 21% Pierce, Lewis, and Mason Counties 19% Ferry and Whitman Counties 18% Kitsap, Spokane, Thurston, Cowlitz

Craft3 has partnered with Further Development, LLC to create the Pacific NW Mortgage Repair fund, a project modeled on the proven success of the State of Oregon's Loan Refinancing Assistance Pilot Project (LRAPP). The goal is a permanent fund that serves all of Washington and Oregon and partners with investors and servicers to provide a mutually beneficial option for families that have experienced hardship and have substantial negative equity.

The attached packet includes an overview of the new fund and detailed analysis and overview of the results of the LRAPP fund to date.

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Our request is that JP Morgan Chase provide an equity contribution to the Pacific NW Mortgage Repair Fund. We believe that an equity investment would complement your existing foreclosure prevention efforts and fit nicely with the philosophy and leadership that Chase shown. Craft3 will leverage the equity investment to bring the fund to the necessary scale. Please contact either one of us with questions. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely

**Council President Tim Burgess** 

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Councilmember Mike O'Brien

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