



City of Seattle

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Office of the Mayor

May 8, 2003

Honorable Peter Steinbrueck
President
Seattle City Council
Municipal Building, 11th Floor

Dear Council President Steinbrueck:

The attached resolution supports the nomination of all potentially historically significant Seattle neighborhood fire stations to the City Landmarks Preservation Board for designation under the criteria established by SMC 25.12.350, in preparation for the forthcoming implementation of the Fire Facilities and Emergency Response Levy that will, among other projects, renovate or replace all 33 of Seattle's working neighborhood fire stations. Fire Stations Two and Ten are already designated landmarks, and nine other stations appear to meet the criteria for designation.

Seattle's historic neighborhood fire stations are rich representatives of the City's architectural history, and the history and development of the Seattle Fire Department. Designating the facilities now helps assure a degree of protection of the historic fire stations into the future, whether they will be renovated and expanded, or conveyed to a non-City entity. In addition, it is a pro-active measure that ensures that nomination by a third party subsequent to project inception will not delay or conflict with the City's planned or future projects.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions please contact Mary Pearson in the Fleets & Facilities Department at 684-0407.

Sincerely,

GREG NICKELS
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

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