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Mr. Gregory M. Hepp, AIA  
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Subject: Municipal Building Garage  
Demolition

Dear Greg:

We understand that a Municipal Building occupant is concerned about the earthquake resistance of their structure. The occupant is also concerned that demolition of the garage will negatively impact the integrity of the office structure.

We did not examine the Municipal Building to assess damage caused by the Nisqually earthquake on February 28, 2001, nor have we analyzed the structure to determine its resistance to future seismic events. We understand another engineer inspected the building and did not place any restrictions on its use or occupancy.

The garage is structurally isolated from the office building with a 2-inch expansion joint. Thus, the garage does not contribute to the seismic resistance of the office building. Furthermore, garage demolition will stop about 20 feet above office foundations. Therefore, demolition should not undermine those foundations.

Before demolition begins, the City will retain a consultant to survey the condition of adjacent buildings. The consultant will also monitor the condition of adjacent buildings during demolition. If there are any signs of settlement or other distress, the contractor will implement corrective action before proceeding.

Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Brian F. Pavlovec, SE  
Associate

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