



**City of Seattle**

Mayor Bruce Harrell

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July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Jemine A. Bryon  
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Needs  
United States Office of Housing and Urban Development

Dear Deputy Assistant Secretary Bryon,

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership with the City of Seattle on the Fort Lawton Army Reserve site. We are grateful that you, Deputy Secretary Adrienne Todman, Northwest Regional Administrator Margaret Salazar, and others in your administration are continuing to help us envision and work towards the best use of the Fort Lawton site.

In order to help inform our plans for Fort Lawton, we recently hired an external consultant, Heartland LLC in collaboration with Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson P.S. and KPFF Consulting Engineers, to evaluate alternatives to the 2019 Fort Lawton Redevelopment Plan. The consultant will help us understand the opportunities, challenges, and barriers to updating the current plan, considering the cost of infrastructure necessary for the development of Fort Lawton.

We have requested that the consultant provide a final report by the end of September that outlines a range of development and structural alternatives to the current Redevelopment Plan, including design opportunities and constraints, as well as economic factors leading to implementation. We have also asked that this report consider the housing crisis, economic and racial equity, neighborhood growth, and community engagement. The consultant will be meeting with stakeholders and external partners associated with Fort Lawton's future development, including Catholic Housing Services, Habitat for Humanity, Seattle Public Schools, and United Indians of All Tribes.

Once we receive the final report from the consultant at the end of September, the City will confer to determine the best course of action for Fort Lawton. In order to provide sufficient time for this evaluation, we are requesting an extension until the end of December 2023.

We appreciate our continued conversation with HUD and thank you for your consideration of this requested extension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce A. Harrell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Bruce A. Harrell  
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