



**Office of Mayor Kim Lund**  
**City of Bellingham**

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**

The Bellingham School District (School District) and City of Bellingham (City) are collaboratively evaluating whether Carl Cozier Elementary School can be relocated within the Civic Complex.

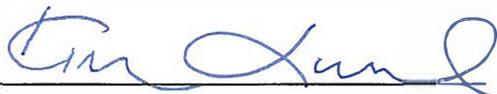
Both parties agree that the potential of leveraging taxpayer dollars in the most effective and efficient way by focusing investment on the Civic Complex will benefit families and public education, maximize recreational opportunities, support climate resiliency, improve the environmental function of the area, and will best serve the community now and into the future.

Both parties agree to the following planning assumptions and shall share these with the community:

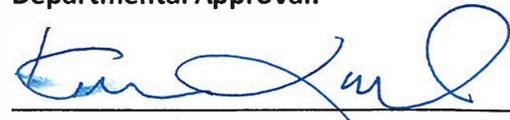
1. The proposed partnership must benefit both the School District and the City. This partnership is more than a monetary transaction.
2. Contemplating selling a portion of the Civic property to the School District for the relocation of Carl Cozier is a unique opportunity because both public entities currently own property and operate facilities, within the civic complex area, in service to our community.
3. Following a public engagement process, negotiations between the City and the School District, a finding by the City that selling a portion of the Civic property to the School District will significantly improve its ability to expand park facilities at Civic, and City Council action to surplus the property, the City will sell the School District a mutually agreeable portion of the Civic Property at fair market value.
4. The School District intends to construct a new elementary school on the property and will assume the cost of construction in compliance with all relevant federal, state, and city legal requirements.
5. The City and School District anticipate the transfer of ownership of the Carl Cozier site to the City by the end of 2029 to allow the school district to utilize Carl Cozier, or the new school to be built at Civic Complex, as a "swing school" while Columbia and Roosevelt are rebuilt.
6. The City desires for the Carl Cozier site to be cleared of buildings and prepared for redevelopment at the time of acquisition at fair market value.
7. The design, construction and maintenance of shared site improvements will need further collaboration and mutual agreement to achieve an overall benefit to the community.

We agree this exploration is an exciting opportunity and potential partnership for the benefit of Bellingham.

EXECUTED, this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2024, for the CITY OF BELLINGHAM:

  
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Mayor

Departmental Approval:

  
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Department Head

Attest:

  
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Finance Director

Approved as to Form:

  
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Office of the City Attorney

EXECUTED, this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2024, for BELLINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

  
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Dr. Greg Baker, Superintendent, Bellingham Public Schools