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Honorable Dave Somers
Snohomish County Executive
3000 Rockefeller Avenue M/S 407
Everett, WA 98201

Re: **Support for Paradise Farm**, Paradise Valley Conservation Area, Woodinville

Dear Mr. Somers:

As a relative of the Lloyd Family, the former owners of what is now called Paradise Farm at Paradise Valley Conservation Area, I am writing to request your support for the property. The historic elements of the farmstead are required to be protected and maintained by the terms of the gift/sale from the Lloyds to the County.

The County's tenant, the non-profit Farmer Frog education and sustainability group, is providing excellent stewardship. With a remarkable amount of volunteer hours, they have cleaned up the landscape, planted extensively, and are using the large barn for community events. Some smaller buildings have been restored, and great care has been taken to prevent harm to other buildings, including the original log cabin built in the 1880's, until those too can be restored.

Snohomish County Parks Department staff have indicated that funding is lacking to adequately invest in capital needs at the farm, even those that are the County's responsibility as landlord.

Farmer Frog recently requested financial support from Snohomish County to continue preservation efforts of the farm buildings and infrastructure. I hope you will consider leveraging their energy and success, by providing County financial support for restoration of critical elements of Paradise Farm.

If you have not had an opportunity to visit Paradise Farm, I recommend it, to observe first-hand the impressive work happening there: growing food sustainably and teaching young people about agriculture and the environment, while honoring the spirit of the pioneers who homesteaded there as well as the native tribes.

I fully support the efforts of Farmer Frog and their request for Snohomish County funding to ensure the historic farm property is preserved.

Sincerely,



Jeanette Henderson
Lloyd Family Cousin and former Special Administrator of Estate