



Bellingham City Council

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City of Langley
Attn: Council and Mayor Nathan Pachal
20399 Douglas Crescent
Langley BC, V3A 4B3, Canada

ADMINISTRATION DEPT.
CITY OF LANGLEY

Dear City of Langley Councilors and Mayor Pachal,

As members of the Bellingham City Council, it is our privilege to serve a community that lies close to the world's longest peaceful border between sovereign nations.

The modern era has been defined by challenges that test the fabric of our community and the depths of our compassion. Time and again, we have held that the strength that holds us together is greater than the strength that pulls us apart. Time and again, we have chosen kindness over animosity.

We wish to express our commitment to our connection with the people of Canada and our deep-rooted social, cultural, and economic ties. It is our hope that our futures will be interwoven with trust and mutual respect, as our histories have been.

Though we live in separate nations, we share longstanding, collaborative relationships with the indigenous communities that have lived in harmony with the land and the water for thousands of years; we share the same responsibility for the families who have come to depend on generations of uninterrupted, cross-border transportation and commerce; we share the same deep appreciation for the people from a wide range of cultures, identities, backgrounds, and experiences who have come to call this region home.

We add our voice to many others, including that of the Washington state legislature, which passed a resolution reaffirming the longstanding relationship between Washington and Canada.

We believe that a peaceful partnership that has lasted for nearly two centuries can endure. We believe that we can continue to forge a thriving future together as neighbors. Now, as always, we extend our hand in friendship.

Respectfully,

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Hollie Huthman, President
Bellingham City Council
On Behalf of the Bellingham City Council

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Kim Lund, Mayor
City of Bellingham