

Executive Dow Constantine  
King County Executive  
King County Chinook Bldg.  
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Seattle, WA 98104

October 29, 2015

Re: Comments on the Proposed Skyway- West Hill Action Plan

Dear Executive Constantine:

I am writing to express the support of my organization, Renton Area Youth and Family Services (RAYS) for the Skyway – West Hill Action Plan. This support is based upon direct knowledge of the plan and the broad range of action steps put forth to address significant community issues. As an organization, we have participated in the development of the plan, and as a human service provider on the West Hill, we can clearly support the work going forward in the implementation and will do so.

As a result of the 1994 Community Plan, RAYS opened its Family Center in the Skyway Neighborhood with the support of King County, the Renton School District, and a variety of community groups. We are well integrated in the community and intend to work closely with other groups to implement the plan primarily in the areas of health care and behavioral health service access, gang intervention, and a variety of prevention activities with children, youth, and families. The plan represents both the challenges as well as well thought out opportunities and strategies to address those challenges as a community. We are already on that path.

I urge the King County Government to adopt the plan and to add support for it's implementation over the next several years. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard Brooks  
Executive Director

Cc: King County Councilmember Larry Gossett,  
Andra Kranzler, Esq., Skyway Solutions