



September 19, 2017

The Honorable Bud Blake, Chair
Thurston County Board of County Commissioners
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW,
Olympia, Washington 98502

RE: New County Courthouse

Dear Chair Blake,

On behalf of the Olympia City Council, I can share with you that we are very excited about the prospect of a new County Courthouse in Olympia.

We applaud your leadership for moving forward with this urgent, and long delayed need for all Thurston County residents. We know the challenges regarding operational efficiency, security and convenience for County residents and employees has reached a critical stage at the current Courthouse location.

In the spirit of City-County partnership, the City of Olympia would like to offer the possibility of a joint feasibility study of the City owned property at Plum and 8th as a possible new Courthouse site.

The City has substantial real estate holdings here at the Lee Creighton Justice Center and adjoining properties. In addition, the site has access to utilities and good transportation access to I-5 and other key entry points.

The City's proposal is that we work together to conduct the next level of feasibility analysis to determine the viability of this site. We have the ability to share in some of the costs for this work.

Please let us know if you are interested in this exciting proposition.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Selby
Mayor

cc: Councilmembers
Ramiro Chavez, County Manager
Steve Hall, City Manager