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**CITY PARTNERS WITH SOUTH SOUND YMCA**

Shelton, WA — Last week, the Shelton City Council gave final approval on a long-term land lease agreement with the South Sound YMCA for the development of a new \$16 million, 37,500 s.f. multi-purpose YMCA community facility at Wallace Kneeland Blvd. and N Shelton Springs Road in Shelton.

The City of Shelton has committed to a partnership with the YMCA for the purpose of providing significant anticipated economic development benefits for the City, including creating jobs, enhancing property values, increasing the quality of life, and increasing recreational and educational opportunities for area residents.

“After much work on the part of city staff, past and current city council/commission members, and the YMCA, I am very pleased we were able support the YMCA and their mission to bring a new facility to Shelton and Mason County,” said Mayor Bob Rogers. “We were successful in reaching an agreement that protects the interests, and utilizes an asset, of the residents of the City of Shelton. I look forward to the positive impacts a new YMCA will have on our community.”

The City of Shelton has agreed to lease the 10.5-acre piece of property to South Sound YMCA for \$1 per year during the initial 60-year term, with an option to extend the lease for an additional 40 years at the same rate.

“Thanks to the bold and visionary leadership of both City Commissioners and the current City Council, the dream is becoming reality”, said Kyle Cronk, President/CEO of the South Sound YMCA.

It is anticipated that South Sound YMCA will begin construction on the new facility by July 2020.

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