

CITY OF BLAINE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
MEETING DATE: December 12, 2016

SUBJECT: Holiday Lights Display for the International Peace Arch

DEPARTMENT: City Manager

PREPARED BY: _____
(Digital Signature)

AGENDA LOCATION: Consent Agenda Council Action Unfinished Business

ATTACHMENTS: Draft letter regarding holiday display lighting at the Peace Arch

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The International Peace Arch Association has requested a letter from the City, signed by the Mayor, to support lighting the Peace Arch in conjunction with the City of Surrey, BC. The intent is to send a letter from both Cities to Washington State Park to support a request to authorize lighting the Peace Arch starting December 20, 2016 through January 3, 2017. This practice will occur for the next five years, if approved.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS: None at this time.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter as submitted;
2. Modify and authorize the Mayor to sign the letter;
3. Do nothing at this time.

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager _____ Finance Director _____ City Clerk _____
(Digital Signature) (Digital Signature) (Digital Signature)

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: _____



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To whom it may concern,

It is my privilege to personally write in support of a Holiday Light Display of the International Peace Arch. This significant monument reminds us that we share a history that will forever unify our countries as we continue to keep these gates open.

In 2014, Canadians and Americans came together in front of this monument to celebrate the bicentennial of the signing of the Treaty of Ghent. This treaty established a formal peace between our nations and began a long and healthy relationship that would allow both countries to prosper.

It is services like this that allow our residents to pay their respects to the men and women who have served and continue to serve our nations.

I would like to commend the efforts of the International Peace Arch Association for making this event possible as we look forward to illuminating this beautiful monument while we pay tribute to the real heroes of our country.

Sincerely,

Harry Robinson
Mayor