

## RESOLUTION NO. 24-1611

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, OPPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGGREGATE MINE AND ASPHALT PLANT IN THE SOUTHEAST KING COUNTY COMMUNITY OF CUMBERLAND

**Whereas**, the City of Black Diamond is committed to safeguarding the well-being and safety of its residents, preserving its natural environment, and honoring the cultural heritage of the region; and

**Whereas**, the proposal to establish a 900+ acre aggregate mine and asphalt plant in Southeast King County poses significant risks to public health, environmental integrity, and community safety; and

**Whereas**, the establishment of such an aggregate mine and asphalt plant has the potential to adversely impact air and water quality, disrupt wildlife habitats, increase noise pollution, and generate hazardous traffic conditions in the area; and

**Whereas**, the aquifer that provides the primary source of water for the city, specifically the Black Diamond Springs, is a critical natural resource that must be protected from contamination and depletion; and

**Whereas**, the owners of the proposed aggregate mine and asphalt plant have failed to adequately address concerns raised by residents regarding the potential health hazards, environmental degradation, and public safety risks associated with its operation; and

**Whereas**, the cultural heritage of the region, including its historical significance and Indigenous heritage, must be respected and preserved for present and future generations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City Council of Black Diamond, Washington, hereby opposes the establishment of the proposed aggregate mine and asphalt plant in Southeast King County in the Cumberland community.

**Section 2.** The City Council of Black Diamond, Washington, expresses profound concern about the potential impact of the aggregate mine and asphalt plant on the aquifer that serves as the primary water source for the city, particularly at the Black Diamond Springs.

**Section 3.** The City Council of Black Diamond, Washington, urges all relevant authorities and agencies require a comprehensive EIS for the aggregate mine and asphalt plant based on its adverse impacts on public health, environmental sustainability, community safety, aquifer and CARA integrity.

**Section 4.** The City Council of Black Diamond, Washington, stands in solidarity with residents, environmental organizations, and Indigenous communities in advocating for the protection of Southeast King County from unsustainable and harmful industrial developments.

**Section 5.** Copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to appropriate state and county officials, regulatory agencies, and stakeholders involved in the decision-making process regarding the proposed aggregate mine and asphalt plant.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, WASHINGTON, AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF, THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2024.**

CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND:

  
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Carol Benson, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk