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Date: December 1, 2011

To: Chair J.J. McCament and Members of the Board

From: Neel Parikh, Executive Director

Subject: Lakewood Town Center Study

On November 18th, we received the final proposal for master planning services for the Lakewood Town Center. The three entities involved in the process are Inland Western Retail, the majority property owner in the Town Center, City of Lakewood and the library.

On November 22nd, I met with Andrew Neiditz to further discuss the intention behind the proposal. Inland Western is committed to this process. They are interested in a library in the Lakewood Town Center, but they also have a number of concerns that will need to be addressed over time. They want to understand the timing for the library development on the site. In addition, they wanted to know if the library was open to other models of ownership for a library site. I shared with them other ownership models for our current facilities, but indicated very clearly that we do not wish to pay rent and that we would want to be secure in our ability to maintain service at the site.

Attached for your information is an overview of the study. I believe this will be a fruitful partnership with the City of Lakewood for Pierce County Library System.