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Dear Inglewood Resident,

On behalf of the City of Sammamish, we apologize for our approach to the issues concerning Inglewood's streets. We acknowledge that we did not meet our standard of public service, and for this, we are truly sorry. The Council received significant feedback, both in writing and through public testimony at Tuesday's meeting. We appreciate the neighborhood coming forward to voice its concerns, and we are committed to working with you to earn back your trust.

On Tuesday, June 3, 2025 the Sammamish City Council voted to continue serving the streets in Inglewood that the City has traditionally maintained while we work to develop and adopt a long-term plan. The vote on June 3 means that City services will maintain the status quo in Inglewood so that there is more time for the City and neighborhood to collaborate on a long-term plan for maintenance of Inglewood's streets that the City has historically maintained.

We recognize that we have not been clear enough as to how this issue arose and the reasons for the City's actions. While staff were reviewing a right of way permit in the neighborhood, it came to light that the streets in Inglewood are private. The City does not have the authority to regulate private rights of way. We agree that the original 1889 Inglewood plat includes the right of way dedication. However, the legal fact is that the State's Non-User statute supersedes the dedication language on the plat. We agree that this arcane law is confusing and frustrating and this is an incredibly unique situation. Because of this reality, the City does not have the authority to maintain the streets permanently until we identify a legal path forward.

That being said, we stumbled by moving too quickly and we apologize. The City continues to investigate what options may be available to continue the ongoing maintenance of the streets in Inglewood that City crews have historically served, and our hope is that we can find a solution. We will continue that conversation at the previously scheduled neighborhood meeting on Thursday, June 12, 2025 to develop a workable plan.

In the meantime, City staff will overhaul information on the **Sammamish.us/Inglewood** webpage, and we expect new content will be live early next week. Once the new information is posted, staff will again open the Jot Form for questions from the Inglewood community. We appreciate your patience as we determine the new next steps.

Again, on behalf of the City of Sammamish we ask that you accept our apology and invite you to work with us on this plan. We look forward to seeing you on June 12 and at subsequent opportunities for collaboration on this important issue.

Respectfully,



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Pam Stuart, Councilmember



Amy Lam, Deputy Mayor



Sid Gupta, Councilmember



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