

1 **December 14, 2020**

**Proposed No.: 20-013**

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 489**

3 A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of the Washington State Major  
4 League Baseball Stadium Public Facilities District recognizing and honoring  
5 Kevin Callan for his 20+ years of service to the District.

6 WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 36.100 RCW, as amended, the Washington State  
7 Major League Baseball Stadium Public Facilities District (the “District”), has been  
8 created and possesses all the powers of a public facilities district; and

9 WHEREAS, Kevin Callan joined the District in the mid-1990s as the Director of  
10 Finance and Administration and in that role presided over all of the financial issues  
11 associated with the construction and opening of the ballpark; and

12 WHEREAS, following the opening of the ballpark, Kevin was elevated to the  
13 position of Executive Director, where he served with distinction for more than twenty  
14 (20) years; and

15 WHEREAS, Kevin directed the District with a steady hand, providing practical  
16 guidance and clear-eyed solutions to multiple challenges; and

17 WHEREAS, although Kevin’s Executive Director position was part-time, he  
18 consistently delivered on a huge workload, especially during the lease renewal  
19 negotiations; and

20 WHEREASE, Kevin’s financial skills kept the District on track, leading to an  
21 unbroken, 20+ year string of ‘clean’ audit findings from the Washington State Auditor’s  
22 office; and

23 WHEREAS, Kevin deftly helped guide the Board through the lease renewal  
24 process with The Baseball Club of Seattle, LLLP (the Club), including detailed financial  
25 analysis of the District’s position, all of which led to a favorable amended lease and a  
26 new non-relocation agreement with the Club in December 2018, after more than 3 years  
27 of challenging work; and

28 WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Kevin earned the respect of the Club and kept  
29 clear communication channels open, even during the tense lease negotiations; and

30 WHEREAS, Kevin Mather, President of the Seattle Mariners recognized Kevin’s  
31 tenure, describing him as “a consummate professional who worked diligently to protect

the public investment in T-Mobile Park.” Mather recognized Kevin for “his deep knowledge of the ballpark and his commitment to working with the Seattle Mariners to make T-Mobile Park the best ballpark in the country.” On behalf of the Mariners organization, Mather “sincerely thanks Kevin for his many contributions.”

WHEREAS, Kevin stepped down from his official role as Executive Director at the end of March 2020, but he continued to informally support the new Executive Director up to and through the state audit of 2019, which was just completed (again, with no negative findings); and

WHEREAS, Kevin’s long-term tenure with the District and his consistent results are a testimony to his skills and his staying power; and


WHEREAS, the Board wishes to recognize Kevin’s commitment to excellence and honor his service to the District.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT:

1. That the District, along with its staff and consultants extends its grateful appreciation to Kevin Callan for his:
  - years of commitment and dedication to the District
  - outstanding service to the Board over the course of the lease renewal negotiations with The Baseball Club of Seattle, LLLP
  - dedication and hard work as the District’s longest-serving Executive Director.
2. That the District wishes Kevin all the best in his retirement from the District.

PASSED by a vote of 7 to 0 this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WASHINGTON STATE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL STADIUM  
PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT

  
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Stacy Graven, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Clerk