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June 30, 2016

The Honorable Joe McDermott  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember McDermott:

I am pleased to transmit to you the attached Limited English Proficiency Outreach Report and Motion as requested by the 2015/2016 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 17941, Section 34, Proviso P2. This is the third of four biannual reports mandated by the proviso.

In each update we are required to report on the four alternatives identified in Section IV of a previous report titled, "Analysis of options for LEP population," which was transmitted by the Department of Elections to Council in June of 2014. The specific alternatives are:

- an Instructional Brochure to be translated in Tier 1 and 2 languages;
- an Online Toolkit with educational and outreach materials;
- an Elections Ambassador Program through which civic activists would be recruited and compensated in order to provide a direct connection with specific communities. Their role would include providing technical assistance for voter registration and advising the department on key barriers faced by the community; and,
- civic Engagement in Schools specifically in support of mock elections for children K-12.

We have also included information about our partnerships with community-based organizations to do voter outreach. I am very proud of the work we are doing to remove barriers to voting for our community members with limited English-proficiency and am grateful to the council for its continued support of our efforts. I hope you find the report informative and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Julie Wise  
Elections Director

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers  
ATTN: Carolyn Busch, Chief of Staff  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council  
Ellen Hansen, Chair, Citizen Elections Oversight Committee