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March 25, 2026

The Honorable Sarah Perry
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Perry:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that, if enacted, would vacate King County's interest in the right-of-way for a portion of 149th Avenue SE and portions of King County Road Nos. 949, 1182, 1244, and 23-23-5-4, lying between the Cedar River and the existing cul-de-sac limits for 149th Avenue SE, north of Maple Valley Highway and located in the Renton area of unincorporated King County, within the West King County Community Service Area.

Adoption of the proposed Ordinance would transfer stewardship of this area from King County Department of Local Services Roads Division to King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) Water and Land Resources Division. Upon vacation of the area as road right-of-way, the property will be under the control of DNRP, which is better positioned to manage ongoing maintenance of the property.

The findings in the attached County Road Engineer's Report show that the subject right-of-way has no use as part of the County's road system and the public would benefit by the vacation of this right-of-way to the petitioners, DNRP. It is the recommendation of the County Road Engineer and the Director of Road Services that the vacation be approved.

The procedure for vacation of the subject portion of right-of-way is set forth in King County Code (KCC) Chapter 14.40 and Chapter 36.87 Revised Code of Washington (RCW), which establishes the right of abutting property owners to petition a County legislative body for the vacation of road rights-of-way.

After introduction of the proposed Ordinance and the establishment of a public hearing date by the Hearing Examiner, a notice of the public hearing is posted on-site of the road vacation. After the public hearing, the Hearing Examiner will prepare final recommendations to the King County Council. Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner will be heard by the Council per KCC Chapter 14.40.

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Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. If your staff have questions, please contact Leon Richardson, Director, Department of Local Services, at 206-263-3332.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Girmay Zahilay".

for

Girmay Zahilay
King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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