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Executive Girmay Zahilay

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May 27, 2026

The Honorable Sarah Perry
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Perry:

This letter transmits a proposed Motion that would, if approved, authorize acceptance of a donation of 7.72 acres of real property located near Newaukum creek in unincorporated King County, for fish, wildlife, and wetland habitat preservation and restoration purposes. The property is currently appraised by the King County Department of Assessments at \$199,000.

Approval of this proposed legislation would support the mission of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks by preserving and protecting natural ecosystems that benefit the people of King County, wildlife, wetlands, and water quality. This property is in south King County, on the Enumclaw Plateau near Newaukum Creek.

This proposed Motion supports the Strategic Climate Action Plan goal of protecting and revegetating lands with native trees and shrubs, which will support greenhouse gas reduction efforts through carbon sequestration and increasing forest canopy in rural areas. This property donation is consistent with the King County Open Space Plan, which calls for the preservation of open space properties that provide public benefit and natural resource protection, and helps implement the Land Conservation Initiative, which seeks to protect remaining high conservation value lands within King County by 2050.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed motion. If your staff have any questions, please contact Josh Baldi, Division Director of the Water and Land Resource Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-9440.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karan Gill". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "K" and "G".

for

Girmay Zahilay

King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, King County Council

Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

Karan Gill, Deputy Executive, Chief of Staff, Office of the Executive

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Sierra Howlett Browne, Policy Director, Office of the Executive

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John Taylor, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP)

Josh Baldi, Division Director, Water and Land Resources Division, DNRP