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December 16, 2003

The Honorable Cynthia Sullivan  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Sullivan:

Pursuant to King County Ordinance #12240 I have attached a proposed motion which would allow Treasury Operations to refund property taxes overpaid due to errors in square footage data, and manifest errors resulting in reductions to the assessed value recommended by the King County Department of Assessments.

Such property taxes may be refunded to the payee if statutory eligibility requirements are met and the refund is claimed within three years of the date of payment. However, claims for refunds after the expiration of the three-year claim period must be approved by the county legislative authority. The errors resulting in the petitions have been corrected by Department of Assessments and the taxes subject to this motion were paid in 1990 through 1999. The amount of the refund will be \$4,426.17 plus interest at the rate of 5% per year from the date the taxes were originally paid until the refund is issued.

Attached to the proposed motion are supporting documents required by Ordinance #12240 which have been signed by the appropriate parties.

I hereby request the council approve the enclosed motion authorizing Treasury Operations to refund the overpaid property taxes.



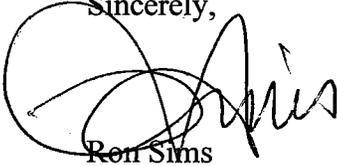
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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Garry Holmes, Manager, Treasury Operations, at (206) 296-7326.

Sincerely,

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Ron Sims  
King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers  
ATTN: David deCourcy, Chief of Staff  
Shelley Sutton, Policy Staff Director  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council  
Steve Call, Director, Office of Management and Budget  
Paul Tanaka, County Administrative Officer, Department of Executive Services (DES)  
Robert Cowan, Division Director, Finance and Business Operations, DES  
Garry Holmes, Manager, Treasury Operations, DES