



## King County

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February 20, 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 ordinance that would, if enacted, authorize entering into a loan agreement with the Washington State Department of Commerce Public Works Board (PWB) for loan financing of capital costs associated with the West Point Treatment Plant Raw Sewage Pump Replacement project. The project will benefit the public by protecting water quality in our region, and the loan will reduce costs to ratepayers.

The proposed legislation authorizes the execution of a Washington State Department of Commerce PWB 20-year loan agreement for state fiscal year 2026 in the amount of \$10,000,000 with an interest rate of 2.12 percent. Specifically, execution of the Washington State Department of Commerce PWB loan agreement as authorized by the proposed Ordinance will save King County ratepayers \$15,282,231 in interest expense (\$4,635,351 net present value), as compared to 30-year conventional bond financing. The PWB loan will provide funding for replacement of the four West Point Treatment Plant Raw Sewage Pumps. This project will increase the firm capacity of the plant by replacing the existing biogas driven engine pumps with higher capacity electric motor driven pumps. It will also make seismic upgrades, complete other improvements to meet National Fire Protection Association standards and replace the existing boiler system to maintain a stable wastewater treatment process.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. This important legislation will save King County ratepayers money and protect water quality in our region.

If your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Kamuron Gurol, Division Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-263-5767.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karan Gill". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "K" and a circular flourish at the end.

for

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers  
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