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

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits a flow control analysis and enforcement report pertaining to construction and demolition (C&D) materials in response to Ordinance 19861, Section 109, Proviso P1, and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, acknowledge receipt of the report.

The report, entitled Construction and Demolition Materials Flow Control Analysis and Enforcement, summarizes a study prepared by a consultant and coordinated by the Solid Waste Division (SWD) of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP).

Flow control methods use legal authorities available to state and local governments to designate where certain wastes must be taken for consolidation, transfer, processing, treatment, or disposal. The purpose of the analysis was to better understand existing flow control methods for C&D materials implemented by the federal and state governments, King County, and cities participating in the County's regional solid waste system; to summarize enforcement efforts undertaken by the County for flow control of C&D materials; to evaluate flow control compliance and diversion performance data; and to recommend actions and policies the County could adopt to improve flow control compliance for C&D materials.

King County requires readily recyclable C&D materials — including metal, cardboard, wood, concrete, asphalt paving, brick, and new drywall scrap — to be recycled at County-designated materials recovery facilities. Recycling these materials keeps them out of the landfill and furthers the County's goal of zero waste of resources and its efforts to reduce carbon emissions. Between materials delivered to King County-owned transfer facilities and those taken to

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privately-owned C&D recycling facilities, the County achieved an 81 percent diversion rate in 2021, diverting 1,898,687 tons of C&D materials and disposing of 499,385 tons.

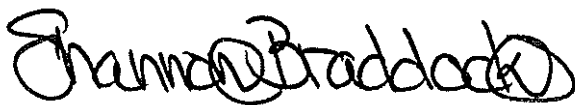
Despite this success, the study identified several compliance gaps, areas of noncompliance, and “leakage,” or materials not being managed in accordance with regulations, either intentionally or accidentally.

The study also includes recommendations for actions that could improve flow control of C&D, including changes in outreach and communication and actual policy changes. Pursuit or adoption of actions and policies would be based on community and industry engagement, feedback, and analysis, as well as equity impact review.

Thank you for your consideration of this important report, which will help inform future actions by the County to reduce the impacts of C&D waste, furthering the goals of the King County Strategic Climate Action Plan and advancing our zero waste goals.

If your staff have questions, please contact Rebecca Singer, Director of the Solid Waste Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-263-2244.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon Braddock". The signature is stylized with a large, looped 'S' and a cursive 'B'.

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Enclosure

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