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

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that, if enacted, would adopt amendments to the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies. The amendments were recommended by the King County Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) on July 27, 2022, and would establish 2019-2044 housing unit and employment growth targets for the City of Sammamish.

The 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies were adopted by King County via Ordinance 19384 and established growth targets for all jurisdictions in King County other than the City of Sammamish. The Ordinance directed the City to engage in additional work, consistent with GMPC Motion 21-4, to reflect updated sewer capacity assumptions and to coordinate this work with parties through the countywide planning process.

Over the past seven months, the City followed the process established in GMPC Motion 21-4 to establish proposed growth targets. The GMPC approved the proposed targets through GMPC Motion 22-1. If adopted by the King County Council and ratified by the jurisdictions in King County, these targets will form the land use assumptions for the City's comprehensive plan.

This proposed legislation furthers the King County Strategic Plan healthy environment goal by focusing new growth into urban areas, thereby maintaining rural character, protecting and supporting healthy resource lands and open space, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Land use planning plays a vital role in shaping an environmentally sustainable and economically viable future for all people in King County.

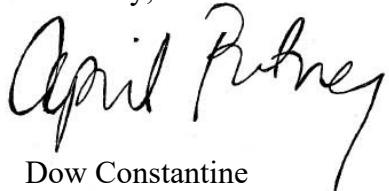
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If your staff have any questions, please contact Lauren Smith, Director of Regional Planning in the Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, at 206-263-9306.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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