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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 amendment of King County's interlocal agreement (ILA) with the City of Seattle (City) implementing the Landscape Conservation and Local Infrastructure Program (LCLIP), a transfer of development rights partnership with investment in urban infrastructure and parks authorized by Ordinance 17663. The proposed legislation requested by the City of Seattle replaces the previous list with a new list of Seattle neighborhood park project investments to be financed, in part, with revenue shared through LCLIP per Revised Code of Washington 39.108 as Exhibit C to the ILA.

The City of Seattle has secured other funding to complete the list of park investments detailed in the 2013 ILA. As a result, the City seeks to amend Exhibit C to the ILA with an updated list of park project investments that better serves the needs of the neighborhoods in the program area. Park improvement projects were identified by City-led community engagement that reflect current and future priorities in rapidly growing neighborhoods.

Through the 2013 ILA, the City of Seattle has accepted 1,465 rural development rights in South Lake Union and downtown Seattle, which are two of the City's designated urban centers. Developers purchase development rights to maximize the development potential of projects in these neighborhoods. These developer purchases generated over \$36 million for land conservation in King County.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. This important legislation will help create park improvements that make growing urban neighborhoods healthier and more welcoming to residents.

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If your staff have questions, please contact Josh Baldi, Division Director, Water and Land Resources Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-9440.

Sincerely,



for,

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Enclosure

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