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The Honorable Cynthia Sullivan
Chair, King County Council
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Dear Councilmember Sullivan:

On September 30, 2002, the King County Council adopted ordinance No. 14492 which amended King County's Comprehensive Water Pollution Abatement Plan to add the City of Carnation to the County's wastewater service area. The enclosed proposed ordinance would authorize the King County Executive to enter into a sewage disposal agreement with the City, which is necessary to provide the wastewater treatment service contemplated by that plan amendment.

The City of Carnation, with a current population estimated at 1400, is expected to grow substantially in the coming years in conformance with provisions of the Growth Management Act and King County's Comprehensive Plan. Wastewater treatment in the City is currently provided by on-site (septic) systems. In November 2000, the City completed its "City of Carnation Comprehensive Sewer and Facilities Plan" that evaluated alternatives to the existing on-site systems including construction and operation of a local wastewater treatment plant.

In February 2001, the City requested that King County's Wastewater Treatment Division review its plan and develop alternatives for the provision of County wastewater treatment service to the City. King County completed its review in September 2001. Following the City's review of the County's September 2001 report, City representatives and County staff negotiated an agreement for wastewater treatment service by the County.

On July 2, 2002 the Carnation City Council unanimously approved the sewage treatment and disposal agreement that this proposed ordinance would authorize me to sign. The agreement requires King County to design, construct and operate wastewater treatment facilities to serve the City and establishes the means of payment to the County for wastewater treatment service to the City.



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This agreement is similar to the agreements that King County has with the other cities and special districts it serves, in that the County would provide wastewater treatment service and the City would develop, own and operate a local sewage collection system. As similarly provided in the agreement with Vashon Sewer District, the agreement with Carnation includes a surcharge on the uniform County sewer rate to recover the extraordinary capital costs of constructing a remote "satellite" treatment facility.

I look forward to working with you as you consider the enclosed proposed ordinance. If you have any questions feel free to contact Bob Hirsch, Government Relations Administrator in the Wastewater Treatment Division, at (206) 684-1266.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Sims". The signature is stylized with a large, circular flourish at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

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King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: David deCourcy, Chief of Staff

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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Steve Call, Director, Office of Management and Budget

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