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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 proposed Ordinance that would, if enacted, authorize execution of interlocal agreements with school districts for which King County collects impact fees. This legislation replaces the existing interlocal agreements made in the early 1990s between King County and school districts. A proposed companion Ordinance that would bring the County into conformance with Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 82.02.060, requires these agreements to be updated, was transmitted to the Council in April and is currently under review.

The 1990 Growth Management Act (GMA) passed by the Washington State Legislature authorized the collection of impact fees to help fund school construction. The GMA through the Revised Code of Washington 82.02.060 requires that impact fees may only be collected for public facilities which are addressed by a capital facilities element of a comprehensive land use plan. King County adopts capital facility plans and collects impact fees for 13 school districts in King County. The signed agreements govern the coordination and responsibilities of the subject parties in the collection, distribution, and expenditure of the fees.

In developing the proposed interlocal agreement template, the Department of Local Services collaborated with a representative of several school districts for which King County collects impact fees.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

If your staff have questions, please contact Leon Richardson, Director, Department of Local Services, at 206-263-3332.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karan Gill', with a stylized flourish at the end.

for

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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