

SWAC

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

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July 20, 2018

To: King County Executive Dow Constantine
King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski
King County Councilmember Larry Gossett
King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert
King County Councilmember Jeanne Kohl-Welles
King County Councilmember Dave Upthegrove
King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci
King County Councilmember Pete Von Reichbauer
King County Councilmember Joe McDermott
King County Councilmember Reagan Dunn

CC: Christie True, DNRP Director
Pat McLaughlin, Solid Waste Division Director

RE: ADVISORY NOTE ON THE COMPREHENSIVE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Please accept this advisory note, as approved by unanimous vote of members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee ("SWAC") on July 20, 2018, as SWAC's formal support of the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan ("Comprehensive Plan") to be transmitted to the Metropolitan King County Council ("MKCC") for its consideration.

SWAC supports the policies, goals, and actions in the plan and requests that the MKCC, in its deliberations, recognize that our Comprehensive Plan was developed through a transparent, collaborative, thorough, and credible process. In partnership with the King County Solid Waste Division and stakeholders, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee members spent the last two years collaboratively and exhaustively reviewing, discussing, and helping to craft elements, data, language, and implications of the plan. The plan was also informed and influenced by a preliminary city review period, a robust and accountable public review and comment process, and a Department of Ecology review.

Furthermore, we respectfully request that the MKCC formally approve the Comprehensive Plan without any substantial modification to the text and policies, goals, and actions contained therein. We believe that King County Executive's recommendations in our plan, particularly those with regard to the siting and construction of a Northeast Recycling and Transfer Station and the maximization of the capacity at the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill, as a next step, reflect the collective opinion of the committee members and, as such, this consensus should carry significant weight in the MKCC's deliberations when considering approval of the plan.

We thank the MKCC for the leadership it has shown in encouraging the completion of the Comprehensive Plan and look forward to the upcoming approval process following the MKCC's approval of the plan.

Signed on behalf of SWAC,



Kevin Kelly
Chair, Solid Waste Advisory Committee
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April Atwood
Vice Chair, Solid Waste Advisory Committee