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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 the Fairwood Splash Pad Report in response to Ordinance 19861, Section 94, Proviso P1.

As required, the enclosed report outlines a plan by the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, in collaboration with the Department of Local Services, to acquire funding to support a splash pad in Fairwood. The plan also outlines total project costs, scope, project phasing, and timeline for completion. It also includes an identification and assessment of additional funding needs, a plan for pursuing the funding, and a communication plan.

The enclosed report identifies Petrovitsky Park as the most suitable site within Fairwood and estimates a total project cost of \$3,800,000. The project has committed funding of \$3,074,000 with the remaining \$726,000 proposed to be funded through the 2026-2031 King County Parks Levy, if approved by voters. The project will complete design by the end of the first quarter of 2026, will be available to open in the summer of 2027, and will include public engagement through design and construction.

The King County Extreme Heat Mitigation Strategy, published in 2024, includes 20 actions to equitably prepare people and places for the impacts of extreme heat and overall hotter summers. The Splash Pad will help the Fairwood community by addressing Category 2: Help people stay cool and safe outdoors. The Splash Pad will offer respite during extreme heat and conserve potable water.

Thank you for your consideration of this report. Implementation of the plan will allow for the design and construction of this important community asset.

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If your staff have questions, please contact Warren Jimenez, Division Director, Parks and Recreation Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-4525.

Sincerely,

for

Shannon Braddock King County Executive

Enclosure

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