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The Honorable Cynthia Sullivan
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
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Dear Councilmember Sullivan:

Attached please find a proposed ordinance that authorizes an increase in the fee for adoption studies and marriage reconciliation services performed by Superior Court's Family Court Services Division. This ordinance was previously transmitted as proposed fee ordinance #2003-0464 along with the 2004 Executive Proposed Budget. The original ordinance inadvertently left out the necessary text in the body of the ordinance under Section 2. No other changes have been made. The enclosed ordinance replaces the previous version.

If approved, this ordinance will increase the hourly fee from \$80 to \$100 per hour for certain services provided by Family Court Services. This fee was last increased in March 1999. At \$100 per hour, the rate is estimated to be on the low to medium end compared to the prevailing market rate.

Please contact Jorene Moore, Director of Family Court Operations, at 296-9309 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Ron Sims
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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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