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The Honorable Cynthia Sullivan  
King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
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Seattle, WA 98104-3272

Dear Councilmember Sullivan: *Cynthia:*

**Subject: Please Support Funding for the Treemont Solution**

During your many years of hard work on growth management, I know you have been frustrated by how Washington's vesting rules allow developments to thwart the progressive policies you have helped spearhead for King County. Treemont is just such a development. Located just outside the urban growth area, Treemont vested to King County's pre-Growth Management Act (GMA) development regulations after the County Council adopted the 1994 comprehensive plan and before the council could adopt the new rural zoning for the area. This pre-GMA development would, if it was ever approved, create 194 approximately one acre lots. Having so many small lots so close to the urban growth boundary would significantly weaken the line.

The settlement King County has worked out for Treemont will resolve an important pre-GMA issue. And it does so in a way that helps hold the UGA line and protects the rural area. I also think it is an innovative way to address vesting problems.

We also work with many activists in the area around Treemont and they are very pleased with the resolution. Ultimately it will be a win-win for the community, the county, and the developer.

I know King County faces real budget problems, but I hope you will support funding for the Treemont agreement. I believe that in 25 and in 50 years we will all be very glad the county made that investment in the kind of county we will all want to continue to live in.

Sincerely,

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Planning Director