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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 if approved, would authorize entering into a loan agreement, in the form of Amendment No. 1 (sic) to the original loan, with the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) for loan financing of capital costs associated with the West Duwamish Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control project.

The West Duwamish CSO Control project will reduce overflow events to once per year on a rolling average at two discharge points and will improve water quality in the downstream Duwamish River and Elliott Bay by reducing the discharge of untreated wastewater and stormwater. This project will benefit the public by protecting water quality in our region and the loan amendment will reduce costs to ratepayers.

The proposed legislation would authorize the execution of an Ecology State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan amendment with an interest rate of 1.6 percent and a 30-year term. The loan amendment adds construction funds to the loan agreement in the amount of \$43,896,000. The low-interest loan for the construction funds will save King County ratepayers \$28,000,000 payments over 30 years, which is \$17,900,000 net present value as compared to 30-year conventional bond financing. The amendment also closes out the original loan, for design phase expenditures for the West Duwamish CSO Control project.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. This important legislation will save King County ratepayers money and protect water quality in our region.

The Honorable Girmay Zahilay

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If your staff have questions, please contact Kamuron Gurol, Division Director of the Wastewater Treatment Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-549-1190.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Braddock', written in a cursive style.

for

Shannon Braddock
King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, King County Council

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