



February 17, 2016

The Honorable Joe McDermott  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember McDermott:

I am submitting for your approval, on an accelerated basis, an ordinance approving the 2016 alterations to voting precincts. The law requires that annual precinct adjustments be presented to the Council for adoption and to the County Executive for approval prior to the statutory deadline of April 25, 2016.

These alterations are proposed, pursuant to state law and King County Code (RCW 29A.16.040-050 and KCC 1.12.010), which require the adjustment or alteration of precincts as an ongoing responsibility for the following reasons:

- To adjust precinct boundaries to comply with recent city annexation activity
- To level precincts to maintain voter population within the limits prescribed by state law and King County Code
- To ease election administration

Precinct alterations for the year 2016 are the result of boundary changes due to precinct balancing, boundary changes to accommodate city annexations and election administrative maintenance. The precinct alteration project is on an accelerated schedule this year due to the Presidential Primary and the overlap with the April special election. King County Elections will need to have all changes to the election management system completed by March 9<sup>th</sup>. This year the precinct alteration process included input and review by both major political parties in King County and a 12 day public review period. The cost of making the precinct revisions is fully funded as part of the adopted Department of Elections budget.

If approved, the proposed ordinance will authorize the precinct boundary alterations described in the attachment to the ordinance. The ordinance and attachments then become an amendment to the official list of county voting precincts.

I recommend council approval of this ordinance.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed alterations, please give me a call at (206) 477-4154.

Sincerely,



Julie Wise, Director

Enclosures

cc: King County Council Members  
ATTN: Carolyn Busch, Chief of Staff  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council  
Dow Constantine, King County Executive (KCE), Executive Office (EO)  
Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Management and Budget, KCE, EO