



## King County

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

Dear Councilmember Perry:

This letter transmits the report of the King County Agriculture Sector Study, as called for by Ordinance 19762. The report provides recommendations to strengthen the County's commitment to sustainable farm-to-plate pipeline, advance equity, and support the agricultural sector in unincorporated King County as the agricultural sector complies with the hourly minimum wage rate as required by this ordinance.

The study synthesizes findings and recommendations from consultant reports, existing data, input from interested parties, and prior County initiatives to present recommendations grounded in current conditions facing farmers and farmworkers. Its purpose is to provide an expansive overview of potential investments, policies, and programs that strengthen agricultural viability, improve access to land, housing, labor, infrastructure, and markets, and advance an equitable and resilient local food system across King County.

The recommendations identified in the study align with King County's broader policy frameworks and priorities, beginning with and building upon the County's Local Food Initiative. The recommendations reinforce County goals related to strengthening the local food and farm economy, improving equitable access to healthy food, and advancing environmental sustainability and climate resilience.

The work to complete this report has been undertaken across three County Executives. In recognition of the significant effort that went into it and importance of the subject matter, it is being provided without additional delay or revision. The report does not include cost estimates or feasibility assessments for the recommendations. The report also does not identify potential funding sources.

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Thank you for your consideration of this report. The important work discussed in the report can be used as a foundation for ongoing policy-making, so that King County can continue to refine its approach, respond to emerging needs, and build on proven models. With sustained attention and partnership, these efforts can help support the agricultural sector that continues to provide food, economic opportunity, and environmental benefits for King County residents.

If your staff have questions, please contact Katherine Taylor, Government Relations Administrator, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-263-5915.

Sincerely,



for

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Enclosure

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