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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 South King Housing and Homelessness Partners' (SKHHP) recommended 2026 budget and work plan, and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, approve the budget and work plan. The Interlocal Agreement for SKHHP, authorized by Ordinance 18945, requires King County Council approval of the SKHHP budget and work plan for them to become effective.

SKHHP coordinates with other public and private organizations to provide housing policies and programs that complement efforts to address homelessness and the lack of affordable housing. This proposed legislation would approve the budget and work plan as recommended by the SKHHP Executive Board on May 19, 2025. This action would serve south King County residents by ensuring SKHHP has the necessary budgetary authority to operate in 2026 and complete its 2026 work plan.

The 2026 SKHHP work plan includes four high level goals:

1. Funding the expansion and preservation of affordable housing;
2. Developing policies to expand and preserve affordable housing;
3. Serving as an advocate for South King County, and
4. Managing operations and administration.

Each workplan goal has specific actions for 2026 and indicators to measure progress towards each goal. While most goals and actions continue the work from previous years, there are two additional actions in the 2026 SKHHP work plan. These include organizing a tour of

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affordable housing sites in South King County to advance SKHHP's goal of serving as an advocate for South King County and establishing and implementing a monitoring and compliance process to ensure that SKHHP's Housing Capital Fund projects maintain affordability for tenants. The SKHHP 2026 budget will increase by about seven percent as compared to the 2025 budget, from \$468,237 to \$501,975. King County's annual contribution will remain \$75,000.

This proposed legislation reflects the collaboration of multiple local governments pooling resources for efficient and strategic spending. This approach aligns with King County Countywide Planning Policies H-6, H-7, and H-14 by supporting the creation and operation of subregional collaborations to increase and preserve affordable housing in King County.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion. This legislation will help support housing affordability for South King County residents of all income levels.

If your staff have any questions, contact Kelly Rider, Director, King County Department of Community and Human Services, at 206-263-5780.

Sincerely,



for

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Enclosure

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