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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 supplemental appropriation Ordinance that would, if enacted, provide funding to the Solid Waste Division (SWD) in the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) to purchase the landfill gas processing plant located at the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill and settle the federal litigation between King County and Bio Energy Washington, LLC (BEW), the plant operator.

The purchase settles the federal litigation between King County and BEW, the plant operator, currently pending in United States District Court, Western District of Washington, Case No. 2:23-cv-00542-LK.

This proposed supplemental appropriation would provide \$91,902,446, including \$70 million for purchase of the plant and associated assets, \$11,902,446 for the settlement cost and operating costs, and \$10 million in capital rehabilitation costs. The settlement cost above includes \$5 million to settle litigation with BEW.

Successful acquisition of the plant would allow King County to operate the plant, putting the landfill gas to beneficial use and contributing to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Acquisition and operation of the plant is also anticipated to provide future revenue for SWD.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

If your staff have questions, please contact Rebecca Singer, Division Director of the Solid Waste Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-263-2244.

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Sincerely,

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

for

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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John Taylor, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP)

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