



## **King County**

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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:

Please find enclosed the Levy Engagement Plan, as required by Ordinance 19956, Section 6, Proviso P7. This report provides an overview of King County's voter-approved property tax levies, along with early plans for the Best Starts for Kids Levy renewal in 2027.

King County's six voter-approved levies include the Best Starts for Kids Levy; the Crisis Care Centers Levy; the Veterans, Senior, and Human Services Levy; the Parks Levy; the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Levy, and the Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Levy. Best Starts for Kids is the sole voter-approved levy up for renewal in the 2026-2027 biennium, and no new levies are currently planned. The Department of Community and Human Services and Public Health – Seattle & King County are in the early stages of planning for the Best Starts for Kids Levy renewal, including engagement with Councilmembers and the community.

Thank you for your consideration of this report. If your staff have questions, please contact Dwight Dively at 206-263-9687.

The Honorable Girmay Zahilay

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon Braddock". The signature is stylized with a large, circular initial "S" and a circular initial "B".

Shannon Braddock

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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