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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 Ordinance that, if enacted, would authorize King County to enter into a non-exclusive franchise agreement with HyperFiber of Washington, LLC for the for use of certain King County road rights-of-way in unincorporated King County in Districts, 5, 7, and 9 for the construction, operation, and maintenance of wireline telecommunications transmission facilities. The application and negotiated franchise agreement meets the criteria for approval as specified in King County Code 6.27.060.A and ensures a continuing service to the public.

HyperFiber of Washington, LLC is a for-profit corporation which intends to build a broadband fiber-optic network to serve residential and business customers in areas of unincorporated King County. This network will include aerial pathways on utility poles in King County and underground pathways using conduit installed in King County public rights-of-way. The network provides high speed connections for access to internet, voice, and data services.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

If your staff have questions, please contact Stephen Heard, Acting Director and Chief Information Officer, King County Department of Information Technology at 206-477-5728.

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Sincerely,

for

Shannon Braddock King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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