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Subject: Re: Upthegrove EDI amendments

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove,

Thank you for sending us the proposed amendments and the striker.

As we shared with you at our meeting with you and in the meeting with your Chief of Staff this week, the community's vision for the creation of an EDI is reflected in the current motion which we hope you will reconsider supporting.

The King County EDI Coalition came together last summer to address displacement of BIPOC communities across the County, and advocate for replication of Seattle's very successful Equitable Development Initiative at a regional level. Over 40 organizations have signed our letter of support for the EDI motion sponsored by CMs Dembowski, Zahilay and Kohl Welles.

We believe that a King County EDI program, as proposed in Motion 2021-0467, will be a transformative opportunity to put self-determination in the hands of marginalized communities at risk of displacement across the County. We are very excited to work with you and the Executive to help design and guide the initiative. We look forward to the discussion in Wednesday's COW.

Also, **please find attached a letter to County Council that calls for rejection of the three amendments and the striker** that you proposed and describes why. These amendments and striker are not in line with our coalition's vision and undermine the motion that we crafted with our coalition sponsors in collaboration with the Executive's office.

In summary, your amendments and striker will:

- Completely re-write the motion we carefully crafted with our co-sponsors;
- Weaken community involvement in design and eventual oversight of the program;
- Reduce diversity on the community planning workgroup - and delay its start until next year;
- Slow down the launch of the program to 2024;
- Eliminate community capacity-building funding, focusing only on capital; and
- Exclude communities in cities that have an EDI already.

Thank you for your attention. If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Jackson at kayla@pugetsoundsage.org or Yordanos Teferi at yordanos@mcc-othello.org.

Thanks,

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for continuing our conversation today on a King County EDI. We appreciate the opportunity to work with you to find a path forward that would support those most at risk of displacement throughout our County.

As promised, I am attaching the amendments I will be proposing to the current motion.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Dave