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The Honorable Dave Upthegrove
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

As called for by Motion 14449, this letter transmits the 2023 work plan and budget for the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C), and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, accept receipt of the report.

The K4C is a voluntary, formal partnership between King County, the Port of Seattle, and 20 King County cities that together represent more than 85 percent of King County's over 2.3 million residents. The enclosed report outlines the K4C's work plan, budget, and next actions.

The 2023 K4C work plan details work by partners to implement the K4C's Joint Climate Action Commitments. Examples of 2023 K4C priorities include: engagement by elected officials on state legislative issues; integrating and advancing climate action into local comprehensive plans; bringing new federal and state funding to advance local climate action; and engaging in development of a countywide Extreme Heat Mitigation Strategy.

King County's 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP) outlines effective strategies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and prepare for the impacts of a changing climate, which will require an integrated countywide effort involving public, private, and non-governmental partnerships. Motion 14449, which requests this annual report, outlined that King County will continue to play a key role in the K4C, which has collaborated to develop a shared countywide vision and priority actions for confronting climate change. All included priorities and investments were co-developed by King County and the members of the K4C.

The work outlined in the work plan advances King County's Equity and Social Justice Initiative and K4C principles to address climate change in ways that are fair, equitable, empowering, and inclusive, and also ensures that low-income residents do not bear unfair costs of climate solutions, as articulated by the K4C's Joint County-City Climate Commitments. Additionally, the work supports King County's 2020 SCAP commitments to engage and partner with cities to develop and implement climate solutions.

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The K4C work plan and budget support collective work representing unincorporated King County and the K4C's partners. The priorities outlined in this report were developed in collaboration with K4C partners.

It is estimated that the report required 12 staff hours to produce, costing approximately \$1,000.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposed Motion. The work outlined in the K4C 2023 work plan and budget exemplifies how the K4C's shared actions are helping King County residents confront climate change more efficiently and collaboratively. I look forward to continuing to work with the Council on the efforts of the K4C.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Matt Kuharic, Senior Climate Program Manager in the Director's Office of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-4554.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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