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

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that, if enacted, would authorize condemnation of property interests needed for the Coal Creek Sewer Upgrade project, part of the County's regional wastewater treatment system, on properties owned by Imperial Group Holdings LLC, Woodsong at Coal Creek Homeowners Association, Enrique Barajas, Ho Young Lim and Kim Kyunghee, and the City of Seattle - Seattle Public Utilities as necessary to acquire permanent easements, temporary construction easements, and an access agreement. Acquisition of the easements and other property rights is necessary to construct the Coal Creek Trunk Upgrade Project, a sewer project serving the cities of Bellevue and Newcastle.

King County's Department of Natural Resources and Parks Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) needs to upgrade the Coal Creek Trunk sewer pipeline in the City of Bellevue in order to provide additional sewer capacity to the area. Once upgraded, the Coal Creek Trunk will have capacity to serve growth projected from homes and businesses through the year 2060.

WTD has successfully acquired easements on 28 privately owned properties needed to complete this project and is working with the remaining property owners for the voluntary acquisition of the necessary property rights. WTD made over 20 attempts starting in 2020, to contact each individual property owner via email, phone, and written letter. Attachment A to the proposed Ordinance provides more detail on the properties and negotiations to date. Per RCW 8.25.290, a notice of public hearing will be posted for two consecutive weeks in the legal newspaper with the largest circulation for the area where the properties are located.

This proposed Ordinance supports the King County Strategic Plan healthy environment goal by upgrading the capacity of the Coal Creek Trunk to convey a 20-year peak flow and thus reduce the probability of overflows. It would also move the pipeline away from Coal Creek, to better protect this environmentally sensitive area. Once completed, this project will allow King County to continue providing safe, reliable wastewater treatment to this portion of its service area. The proposed legislation also supports the King County Strategic Plan goal of an efficient, accountable regional and local government by ensuring the County's compliance with

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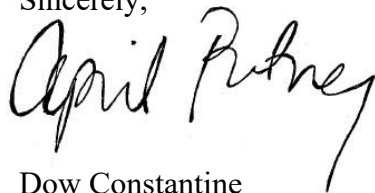
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long-term sewer contracts that require sufficient sewer capacity to serve local sewer agencies such as the City of Bellevue.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. This important legislation will support growth in the region and continue to protect public health and enhance the environment for King County residents.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Kamuron Gurol, Division Director of the Wastewater Treatment Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-263-5767.

Sincerely,

 for

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Enclosure

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