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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:

As called for by Motion 14449, this letter transmits the 2022 work plan and budget for the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C), and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, acknowledge receipt of the report.

The K4C is a voluntary formal partnership between King County, the Port of Seattle, and 16 King County cities that together represent more than 80 percent of King County's over two million residents. The enclosed work plan and budget outline the K4C work priorities, investments for K4C cost-share contributions, and next steps.

The 2022 K4C work plan highlights work by partners to implement the K4C's Joint Climate Action Commitments; develop shared K4C state policy and legislative interests; and support city staff in integrating new climate-related Countywide Planning Policies into updates to city comprehensive plans.

Included with the work plan are K4C's 2022 budget and planned expenditures. The 2022 K4C budget and work plan priorities include engagement by elected officials on state legislative issues, involvement in work to develop regional approaches to supporting energy efficiency retrofit programs, and developing and implementing a climate preparedness agenda.

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, outlines the key role that King County will continue to play in the K4C, which has developed 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 efforts outlined in the work plan support the King County Strategic Plan healthy environment goal by advancing the shared goal of cutting countywide GHG emissions in half

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by 2030 and by expanding K4C collaboration on climate preparedness. The work 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.

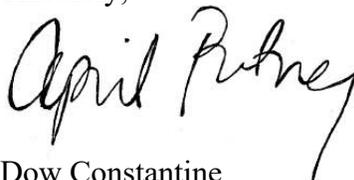
The K4C work plan and budget support collective work representing unincorporated King County and the K4C's partners. The priorities outlined in this report were developed in collaboration with K4C partners.

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 2022 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 Rachel Brombaugh, Director of Climate and Energy Initiatives, at 206-263-9633.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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