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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 the Executive to amend an existing thirty-year use agreement between the nonprofit, Northshore Athletic Fields (NAF) and the Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks.

Amending the use agreement would allow NAF to continue the second phase of the NAF Master Plan to build recreation facilities at Northshore Athletic Fields. It would also enable the King County Community Partnership and Grants Program (CPG) grant of \$423,000 to go toward the cost of the proposed facilities.

NAF is a non-profit community-based volunteer organization formed in 2006 to manage and operate the King County-owned Northshore Athletic Fields, which are located near Woodinville. NAF is the successor to Northshore Little League, which originally constructed the facility, and has operated and maintained the fields and provided public youth baseball programs under King County use agreements since 1981. In 2013 a thirty-year renewal of NAF's original use agreement and authorization of the construction of recreation facilities proposed in the NAF Master Plan was approved.

Phase 1 of the Master Plan, completed in 2016, included the conversion of two existing natural-turf baseball fields to synthetic turf, the construction of a new restroom, and related infrastructure improvements. The grant funding associated with this proposed legislation supports Phase 2 of the Master Plan. Phase 2 includes converting the infield of a third existing baseball field to synthetic turf, installing a playground, and completing related infrastructure upgrades. The proposed \$423,000 CPG grant is matched by a \$400,000 grant awarded in 2018 to NAF for Phase 2 by the Washington State Legislature via the Department of Commerce.

This proposed legislation addresses the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government by leveraging County investments through partnerships with community organizations and businesses and enhancing recreational

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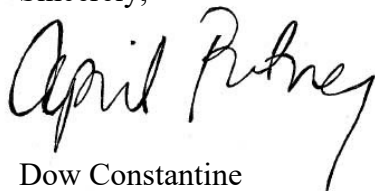
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opportunities for King County residents. By continuing the County's partnership with NAF and supporting Phase 2 construction, Northshore Athletic Fields will be enhanced with new recreation facilities and will improve access to recreation for all residents of King County.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. This legislation will help the Parks and Recreation Division enhance and maintain the Northshore Athletic Fields as an incredible public recreation asset for the residents of King County.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Warren Jimenez, Division Director of the Parks and Recreation Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-4525.

Sincerely,

 for

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King County Executive

Enclosure

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