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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 Council Chair Upthegrove:

This letter transmits a proposed Motion that, if enacted, would authorize King County to accept a donation valued at \$1.08 million for a conservation easement on a 22-acre private parcel along Evans Creek east of Redmond. The full value of the easement has been appraised at \$2.48 million and the County will pay the owner \$1.4 million, with the remainder taking the form of a donation. Maps showing the location of the property are attached to this letter.

This proposed property donation is consistent with the King County Open Space Plan, which calls for the preservation of open space properties that provide public benefit and natural resource protection, and helps implement the Land Conservation Initiative, which seeks to protect the remaining high conservation value lands within King County by 2050.

Approval of this proposed Motion supports King County's growth management goals by limiting development in the Rural Area and transferring development potential to Urban Areas through King County's Transfer of Development Rights program. It also supports the Strategic Climate Action Plan goal of protecting forest lands and the multiple benefits forests provide, including supporting greenhouse gas reduction efforts through carbon sequestration and increasing forest canopy in urban and rural areas of the county. Finally, this proposed Motion supports the mission of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks by preserving productive agricultural lands and protecting natural ecosystems that benefit the people of King County.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion. If adopted, this legislation will help preserve farmable land, forested acreage, wetlands and fish habitat for future generations of King County residents.

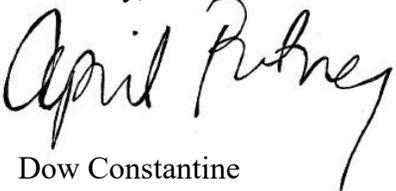
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If your staff have any questions, please contact Josh Baldi, Division Director of the Water and Land Resource Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-9440.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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