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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:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance, that if adopted, would extend an existing moratorium on the acceptance of applications for the establishment of new or expansion of existing wineries, breweries, and distilleries (WBDs) by six-months. This proposed Ordinance accompanies the recommendation of the work plan required by Ordinance 19721, Section 4.

Updated WBD regulations were adopted by the County in 2019 via Ordinance 19030. Litigation regarding the Ordinance and associated SEPA review ensued and is ongoing. A series of moratoria on the acceptance of applications for the establishment of new or expansion of existing WBDs have been adopted beginning in 2020 to allow legal proceedings to resolve, during which time the code standards applicable to WBDs have been uncertain. As legal proceedings are ongoing as of the writing of this letter, the work plan recommends continuing the moratorium.

Please note that a work plan regarding WBD regulations, as called for by Ordinance 19721, Section 4 was transmitted separately to the Council on August 1, 2024.

Thank you for your consideration for this proposed Ordinance. If your staff have questions, please contact Danielle de Clercq, Acting Director, Department of Local Services, 206-263-3286.

The Honorable Dave Upthegrove

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Padden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular flourish at the end.

for

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers
ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff
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Penny Lipsou, Council Relations Director, Office of the Executive
Danielle de Clercq, Acting Director, Department of Local Services