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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:

As required by King County Code 2.16.055.C, his letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that would, if enacted, adopt the Community Needs List for the Snoqualmie Valley/Northeast King County service area,.

As required, the enclosed proposed Community Needs List includes the potential services, programs, facilities, and capital improvements that respond to community-identified needs, including those that build on the communities' strengths and assets. The list was developed in collaboration and consultation with members of the community. This engagement strove to be as inclusive and collaborative as possible, while centering and lifting up the voices of those who would be most impacted.

The Community Needs List for the Snoqualmie Valley/Northeast King County service area is the result of King County and community co-creation and collaboration efforts. This work resulted in close collaboration with local organizations to promote a community survey and with a community advisory group to review the previous Community Needs List, 2023 survey results, and subarea plan engagement comments. The Community Needs List was proposed by the community advisory group members and reviewed by the respective departments through an effective process that included workshops for in-depth discussion with County staff, evaluation, and review.

The work to develop and implement the Community Needs List deepens government engagement with community, builds stronger communities, and helps make public budgets more equitable and effective, reflective of the goals of the County's Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan and pro-equity agenda.

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In accordance with King County Code, if the proposed Ordinance is adopted, executive branch departments and agencies will be responsible for implementing the community needs lists. Notably, implementation requires additional resources, and all funding requests are subject to approval through the County budget process. Given this, timelines for completion identified in the community needs lists may change based on future resources and appropriations.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Leon Richardson, Director, Department Local Services, at 206-263-3332.

Sincerely,



for

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Enclosure

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