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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 vacate King County's interest in a portion of 200th Avenue NE/John O'Holland Rd/J.O. Holland Road, right-of-way containing an area of approximately 73,949 square feet located in the Redmond area of unincorporated King County.

Adoption of the ordinance will convert this right-of-way to the private use and ownership of the petitioners, Michael Murray and Lake Washington School District #414. Upon vacation, the County will no longer be responsible for maintenance or management of this portion of right-of-way and the public will benefit in the form of returning the property to the property tax rolls.

The findings in the attached County Road Engineer's Report for this road vacation show that this right-of-way has no use as part of the County road system and the public would benefit by its vacation to the petitioner. It is the recommendation of the County Road Engineer and the Director of Road Services that the vacation be approved without payment of monetary compensation.

The procedure for vacation of right-of-way is set forth in King County Code (KCC) section 14.40 and the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 36.87, which establishes the right of abutting property owners to petition a County legislative body for the vacation of road rights-of-way.

Enactment of this proposed ordinance aligns with the King County Strategic Plan for delivering consistent, responsive and equitable, high-quality services to residents, cities and

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districts. It exercises sound financial and risk management while building King County's long-term fiscal strength by reducing Roads inventory of unnecessary right of way. After introduction of the proposed ordinance and the establishment of a public hearing date by the Hearing Examiner, a notice of the public hearing is posted, on-site, of the road vacation. After the public hearing, the Hearing Examiner will prepare final recommendations to the King County Council. Recommendations of the Hearing Examiner will be heard by the Council per KCC 14.40.

Thank you for your consideration of this ordinance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rick Brater, Director of Road Services Division, at 206-477-3601.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dow Constantine".

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King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers
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