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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, will amend the Countywide Planning Policies to make minor adjustments to the urban growth area boundary in three areas of King County.

The King County Council approved three amendments to the Urban Growth Area with passage of the 2020 King County Comprehensive Plan on July 24, 2020 via Ordinance 19146. The Urban Growth Area boundary amendments are located adjacent to the City of Woodinville Roundabout, the Maple Woods subdivision in the City of Maple Valley, and the East Cougar Mountain area near the City of Issaquah. As required under the Countywide Planning Policies, these amendments were also considered by the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) through action on Motion 20-1. The GMPC unanimously approved GMPC Motion 20-1 on June 24, 2020.

This proposed ordinance furthers the efficient, accountable regional and local government goal of the King County Strategic Plan by recognizing the role of land use planning in shaping an environmentally sustainable and economically viable future for all people of King County.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed ordinance. This legislation will ensure consistency between the Countywide Planning Policies and the King County Comprehensive Plan and will finalize an action already taken by the King County Council.

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If your staff have any questions, please contact Lauren Smith, Director, Regional Planning at 206-263-9606.

Sincerely,

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