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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 enable King County to provide geographic information system services to customers outside of King County government.

King County Council adopted Ordinance 14270 in 2001 which established the geographic information systems fund to “serve both county agencies and external customers.” On the basis of this ordinance, the King County geographic information systems fund, which does business as the King County GIS Center (KCGIS), systematically pursued work with outside agencies. Since 2002, the proportion of geographic information systems work performed for external customers has ranged from 24 percent to 47 percent of total GIS client services revenue.

In 2013, King County Council adopted Ordinance 17527, which created a new King County Code (KCC) title on revenue and fiscal regulation, KCC Title 4A, with the aim of removing ambiguities in the KCC. Ordinance 17527 amended Section 2 of Ordinance 14270, removing the explicit authorization for the fund to “serve both county agencies and external customers” originally granted by Ordinance 14270.

This proposed Ordinance would restore the authorization in the King County Code for King County to provide cost reimbursable services to external customers. It would position KCGIS to pursue new opportunities that might arise out of a current regional GIS study conducted in partnership with Seattle, Bellevue, Kirkland, among other cities, as well as with tribes and utilities. No budgetary impact is expected in the 2021-2022 biennium.

The proposed Ordinance supports the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government and its objectives to exercise sound financial and risk management and build King County's long-term fiscal strength. It also supports the goals

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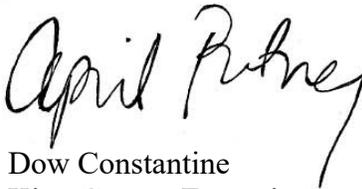
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of the King County Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan by enabling KCGIS to enter into contracts with external organizations related to the compilation and management of ESJ-related demographic, service provider, and performance metrics.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. This important legislation will help King County and the communities we serve continue to leverage the resources and capabilities of the County's geographic information system.

If your staff have questions, please feel free to contact Greg Babinski, GIS Marketing and Business Development Manager, King County Department of Information Technology (KCIT), at 206-477-4402.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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