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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 would, if enacted, adopt amendments to the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs). The proposed amendments were unanimously recommended by the King County Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) on September 27, 2023, and would update the Urban Growth Area policies and Four-to-One program provisions in the CPPs, King County Comprehensive Plan (Plan), and King County Code (KCC).

In December 2021, the King County Council adopted the 2021 CPPs, which establish a shared framework for growth management planning for all jurisdictions in King County. Ordinance 19384 directed the development and recommendation to the King County Council of Four-to-One program changes in the CPPs, Plan, and KCC, in consultation with the GMPC.

Following nearly two years of review by the GMPC, including releasing draft amendments for public review and comment, and providing two amendment periods for GMPC members, the GMPC approved Motion 23-4 for transmittal to the King County Council.

The amendments to the CPPs included in this proposed Ordinance, together with associated amendments to the Plan and KCC, clarify and create consistency among the provisions that guide the County's Four-to-One program. Proposed amendments to the Plan and KCC will be transmitted separately as part of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update.

The collaborative process used to develop this proposed legislation embodies the ethic of coordinated planning required by the Growth Management Act. King County staff, municipal planners, elected officials, and community-based organizations were involved in developing the recommendations in the proposed legislation. No budget action is needed to support the proposed Ordinance.

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Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. This important legislation is one of the many steps needed to ensure King County protects its environment while accommodating and managing growth.

If your staff have questions, please contact Lauren Smith, Deputy Director for Regional Planning, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, at 206-263-9306.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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