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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 NE 113th St./Henderson Road, right-of-way containing an area of approximately 41,489 square feet located in the Redmond area of unincorporated King County.

Adoption of the proposed Ordinance will convert this right right-of-way to the private use and ownership of the petitioners, GHR, LLC and Michael Ritter. 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 the subject right-of-way has no use as part of the County road system and the public would benefit by the vacation of this right-of-way to the petitioner. It is the recommendation of the County Road Engineer and the Director of Road Services that the vacation be approved with the condition of payment of compensation of \$13,530 from Petitioner GHR, LLC and \$21,361 from Petitioner Michael Ritter.

The procedure for vacation of the subject portion 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 goal of ensuring that King County government operates efficiently and effectively and is accountable to the public, and the objectives of delivering consistent, responsive, equitable, high-quality

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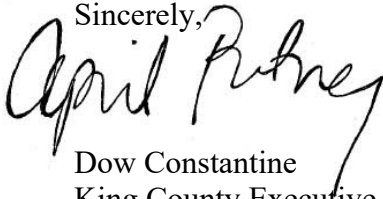
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services to residents, cities and districts; exercising sound financial and risk management; and building King County's long-term fiscal strength.

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 Tricia Davis, Director of Road Services Division, at 206-263-9690.

Sincerely,



for

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Enclosure

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