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The Honorable Girmay Zahilay Chair, King County Council Room 1200 C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits the list of selected outcome measures to be used in the climate performance tracking dashboard, as called for by Ordinance 19861 Section 18, Proviso P2, and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, acknowledge receipt of the report.

As required, the enclosed report includes a list of selected outcome measures with a baseline, a near-term target, and a long-term target. Developed collaboratively by subject matter experts and departmental policy staff across King County, these measures:

- Address proviso conditions;
- Align with statutory requirements, and
- Incorporate feedback from departmental partners and leadership.

This report also provides an overview of regulatory requirements, selection criteria, a list of additionally considered measures, proposed process of updating these measures, and an implementation timeline.

Over the next few months, the Executive Climate Office (ECO) will continue working towards a phased 2025 release of a public climate performance tracking dashboard. This dashboard, and the measures proposed within this report, will not only reinforce commitments outlined in the Strategic Climate Action Plan but also embody the King County Executive's True North values: teamwork, problem-solving, driving for results, equity, diverse perspectives, and responsible stewardship. Together, these measures — along with the collaborative and iterative process used to refine them — provide a strong foundation for guiding future climate action and informing ongoing policy decisions.

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This foundation for accountability, transparency, and continuous improvement has been made possible by significant collaborative efforts from departmental staff, subject matter experts, and leadership across King County. Throughout the next phase of dashboard development, ECO will prioritize ongoing community engagement and actively incorporate feedback from policymakers to ensure the dashboard remains responsive to evolving climate conditions, equity considerations, and community priorities. Maintaining open dialogue with all interested parties, regularly evaluating measures, and adapting to new insights will for critical to moving forward together to achieve King County's ambitious climate and equity objectives.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed list of outcomes measures for the climate performance dashboard. The dashboard will help King County residents sustainably use natural resources through responsible stewardship.

If your staff have questions, please contact Marissa Aho, Director, Executive Climate Office, at 206-259-1737.

Sincerely,

Shannon Braddock King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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