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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:

As called for by Motion 14449, this letter transmits the 2021 work plan and budget for the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C), and a proposed motion that would, if enacted, accept receipt of the report.

The K4C is a voluntary formal partnership between King County, the Port of Seattle, and 16 King County cities that together represent more than 80 percent of King County's over two million residents. The enclosed work plan and budget outline the K4C work priorities, investments for K4C cost-share revenues, and next steps.

The 2021 K4C work plan highlights work by partners to adopt the recently updated K4C Joint Climate Action Commitments, development of shared K4C State policy and legislative interests, new communications materials to support the County and partners' work through the K4C, and partnership to support development of a local Climate Action Toolkit.

Included with the work plan are K4C's 2021 budget and planned expenditures. The 2021 K4C budget and work plan priorities include: support updates to countywide planning policies that will strengthen shared greenhouse gas (GHG) emission targets and update measurement policies; engagement by elected officials on state legislative issues; involvement in work to develop regional approaches to supporting energy efficiency retrofit programs; and, developing a climate preparedness agenda.

King County's 2015 and 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP) outline that effective strategies to reduce GHG emissions and prepare for the impacts of a changing climate require an integrated countywide effort involving public, private and non-governmental partnerships. Motion 14449, which adopted the 2015 SCAP, outlined that King County will continue to play a key role in the K4C, which has collaborated to develop a shared countywide vision and priority actions for confronting climate change. All included priorities and investments were co-developed by King County and the members of the K4C.

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The efforts outlined in the work plan support the King County Strategic Plan healthy environment goal by advancing the shared goal of reducing countywide GHG emissions by half by 2030 and also by expanding K4C collaboration on climate preparedness.

The work advances King County's Equity and Social Justice Initiative and K4C principles to address climate change in ways that are fair, equitable, empowering, and inclusive and also that ensure that low income residents do not bear unfair costs of climate solutions, as articulated by the K4C's Joint County-City Climate Commitments. Additionally, the work supports King County's 2015 and 2020 SCAP commitments to engage and partner with cities to develop and implement climate solutions.

The K4C work plan and budget support collective work representing unincorporated King County and the K4C's partners. The priorities outlined in this report were developed in collaboration with K4C partners.

It is estimated that the report required 12 staff hours to produce, costing approximately \$1,000.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposed motion. The work outlined in the K4C 2021 work plan and budget exemplify how the K4C's work and shared actions are helping King County residents more efficiently and collaboratively confront climate change. I look forward to continuing to work with the Council on the efforts of the K4C.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Rachel Brombaugh, Director of Climate and Energy Initiatives, at 206-263-9633.

Sincerely,



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