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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 Motion that, if enacted, would authorize King County to accept a donation of three parcels of land totaling 14.88 acres along Mileta Creek on Vashon-Maury Island. The full appraised value of these three parcels is \$75,000.

Approval of this proposed legislation would support King County's growth management goals by limiting development in the Rural Area. The proposed Motion would also support the mission of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks by preserving and protecting natural ecosystems that benefit the people of King County. Two maps showing the location of the property are attached to this letter.

This proposed legislation supports the Strategic Climate Action Plan goal of protecting forest lands, including supporting greenhouse gas reduction efforts through carbon sequestration and increasing forest canopy in rural areas of the County. This proposed property donation is consistent with the King County Open Space Plan, which calls for the preservation of open space properties that provide public benefit and natural resource protection, and helps implement the Land Conservation Initiative, which seeks to protect the remaining high conservation value lands within King County by 2050.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion. This legislation will help preserve open space, forested acreage, wetlands, and fish habitat for future generations of King County residents.

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If your staff have questions, please contact Josh Baldi, Division Director of the Water and Land Resource Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-9440.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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