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September 30, 2016

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

Dear Councilmember McDermott:

I am pleased to transmit to you the attached Limited English Proficiency Outreach Report and Motion as requested by the 2015/2016 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 17941, Section 34, Proviso P2. This is the fourth and final of the biannual reports mandated by the proviso.

In each update we were required to report on the four alternatives identified in Section IV of a previous report titled, "Analysis of options for LEP population," which was transmitted by the Department of Elections to Council in June of 2014. The specific alternatives include:

1. an instructional brochure to be translated in Tier 1 and 2 languages;
2. an online toolkit with educational and outreach materials;
3. an elections ambassador program through which civic activists would be recruited and compensated in order to provide a direct connection with specific communities; and,
4. a program for civic engagement in schools specifically in support of mock elections for children K-12.

This report only includes information on items 3 and 4 as we have completed work on items 1 and 2 and reported on it in previous updates. I am very proud of the work we are doing to remove barriers to voting for our community members with limited English-proficiency and am grateful to the council for its continued support of our efforts. I hope you find the report informative and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Julie Wise  
Elections Director

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers  
ATTN: Carolyn Busch, Chief of Staff  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council  
Ellen Hansen, Chair, Citizen Elections Oversight Committee