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June 30, 2026

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

Dear Councilmember Perry:

This letter transmits a facility closure notification plan for the Solid Waste Division (SWD) in response to Ordinance 20023, Section 110, Proviso P1, as well as a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, acknowledge receipt of the plan. The enclosed plan identifies procedures, practices, and timelines for notifying the public, commercial haulers, city partners and the Council when a SWD facility will be closed. The plan also includes planned improvements for notification and any barriers to implementing improvements.

SWD operates eight transfer stations, two rural drop boxes, and the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill. These facilities serve customers living or doing business within King County's unincorporated areas and 37 cities that are signatories to a solid waste interlocal agreement. The public may visit transfer stations or a rural drop box for waste disposal. Commercial haulers bring accepted materials to transfer stations, from which the waste is then hauled to the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill.

SWD has established notification protocols for both planned and unanticipated closures of a solid waste facility that impact the public, commercial haulers, or both. Before issuing any facility closure notification, SWD gathers essential information, including who is affected, alternative disposal locations, cause of closure, and expected duration or timing of the next update. Notification practices are tailored for each audience based on communication preferences and operational needs. Over the past year, SWD has made numerous improvements to its notifications processes. As a result, SWD has few planned improvements and few barriers to implementing improvements.

Thank you for your consideration of this notification plan. Communication with the public, commercial haulers, city partners, and Council is an important part of SWD's service delivery and a focus of continuous improvement.

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If your staff have questions, please contact Rebecca Singer, Division Director of the Solid Waste Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-263-2244.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Girmay Zahilay".

for

Girmay Zahilay

King County Executive

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