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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:

As called for by Motion 14449, this letter transmits the 2025 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 21 King County cities that together represent more than 86 percent of King County's 2.3 million residents. The enclosed report outlines the K4C's work plan, budget, and next actions.

The K4C 2025 work plan details work by partners to help launch a regional building decarbonization campaign and information platform. This ongoing work will support K4C communities by centralizing information through a high-quality outreach platform and serving as a model for a regional or statewide navigator program. In 2024, the K4C also commissioned an updated city-level greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory for each city in King County, with a customized report available to each member city, to be delivered in 2025. In 2024, partners collaborated to support and promote "Switch is On" a regional web-based hub for King County residents with information on the rebates and contractors available to reduce energy use and decarbonize homes. The work plan also points to the K4C's shared State Policy and Legislative Interests for 2025.

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

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The K4C work plan and budget support collective work representing King County and the K4C's partners. The report was informed by a working group and K4C members.

Thank you for your consideration of the report and proposed Motion. The work outlined in the K4C 2025 work plan and budget exemplifies how the K4C's shared actions are helping King County residents confront climate change more efficiently and collaboratively. I look forward to continuing to work with the Council on the efforts of the K4C.

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

Sincerely,



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