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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:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that would, if enacted, approve grant funding project allocations for the King County Parks Levy grant programs from the 2020–2025 King County Parks, Recreation, Trails, and Open Space Levy (Levy) managed by the Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP). These grants will improve access to parks and recreation in the King County open space system by acquiring lands, developing recreation facilities, improving aquatic facilities, supporting programs for public recreation in underserved communities, and restoring ecological function of river corridors throughout the county.

The proposed Ordinance would authorize Levy funding for 42 projects totaling \$31,424,546. These projects were selected through the Parks Capital and Open Space; Targeted Equity; Aquatic Facilities; and Open Space–River Corridors competitive grant programs, consistent with Ordinance 19166 eligibility requirements. Because these grant programs were funded in the 2025 Adopted Budget, the proposed Ordinance has no fiscal impact, and no budget action is needed. Attached is a memorandum outlining the Parks Advisory Committees' recommendations for awards for the Levy grant programs.

As described in the attached memorandum, and in accordance with Ordinance 19166, DNRP solicited applications from eligible organizations by conducting outreach and engagement. Additionally, Parks provided technical assistance to community-based organizations for grant applications.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. This important legislation will positively impact communities by improving access to parks and recreation in King County.

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If your staff have questions, please contact Warren Jimenez, Division Director of the Parks and Recreation Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-4525.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Braddock", written over a horizontal line.

for

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, King County Council

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