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Signature Report

Motion 16534

Proposed No. 2024-0052.1 **Sponsors** Upthegrove 1 A MOTION authorizing the chair of the King County 2 council to sign a letter of concurrence to the Washington 3 state Department of Natural Resources related to the state 4 legislature's natural climate solutions proviso transfer of 5 parcels at West Tiger Mountain. 6 WHEREAS, the Washington state Department of Natural Resources has set aside 7 2,000 acres of structurally complex, carbon dense forestland across the state as part of the 8 Legislature's Natural Climate Solutions proviso, and 9 WHEREAS, on December 18, 2023, the Washington state Department of Natural 10 Resources notified the King County council and King County executive that 292 acres in 11 West Tiger Mountain in King County were identified as candidates to be transferred out 12 of trust status after replacement land has been identified, of which 136 acres are State 13 Forest Transfer trust, and 14 WHEREAS, the Washington state Department of Natural Resources needs written 15 concurrence on the parcels from the legislative authority of the county before the state 16 moves forward with transfer of replacement parcels, and 17 WHEREAS, on November 9, 2023, the King County executive provided a letter 18 of support to the Washington state Department of Natural Resources, and

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- WHEREAS, on January 16, 2024, the Washington state Department of Natural
 Resources wrote to the King County council and King County executive requesting a
 letter of concurrence as soon as practicable;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

- The chair of the King County council is authorized to sign the letter of
- 24 concurrence attached as Attachment A to this motion.

Motion 16534 was introduced on 2/13/2024 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/27/2024, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

DocuSigned by:

Dave Upthegrove, Chair

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:

Melani Hay

Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: A. Chair's Letter of Concurrence

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Dave Upthegrove

Councilmember, District 5

Metropolitan King County Council

February 28, 2024

Commissioner Hilary Franz
Office of the Commissioner of Public Lands
MS 47001 Olympia, WA 98504
cpl@dnr.wa.gov

Dear Commissioner Franz:

I am writing in my capacity as the Chair of the King County Council and on behalf of King County in support and concurrence of the Department of Natural Resources' plans to protect 292 acres of mature legacy forest on West Tiger Mountain through the Natural Climate Solutions program. We understand these acres can only be transferred out of trust status once replacement land has been identified. Locating replacement sites for trust recipients and junior taxing district revenue generation will be a key next step, and one King County is eager to assist with.

This structurally complex, carbon dense forestland, in proximity to an existing Natural Resource Conservation Area - Mountains to Sound Greenway National Heritage Area - will have the dual positive impact of increased opportunities for carbon sequestration and habitat connectivity for flora and fauna.

Protecting mature legacy forests within King County is critical to reaching our climate goals as a county and as a state. The Natural Climate Solutions program provides King County with an incredible opportunity to co-manage mature legacy forests with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for climate and biodiversity benefits, and we thank DNR for its prioritization of these acres within King County.

This opportunity for preservation is consistent with King County's established interest in managing all mature legacy forests within our borders for purposes other than timber harvest (expressed in our July 20, 2023, letter to DNR) and our 2024 Legislative Agenda, which prioritizes increasing Climate Commitment Act funding for the Natural Climate Solutions program.

King County formally concurs with DNR's intent to preserve 292 acres on West Tiger Mountain through the Natural Climate Solutions program and welcomes the next step of siting of replacement parcels within King County.

Thank you,

Dave Upthegrove

King County Council - Chair

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