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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 Motion that, if enacted, would amend the interlocal agreement (ILA) between King County and the City of Bothell regarding municipal solid waste services. The amendment would address the logistical challenge posed by a small area annexed by the city that lies within Snohomish County. It is proposed that the area be served by the King County solid waste system.

The last preceding amendment to the ILA occurred in 2014. That amendment stated that the City of Bothell may dispose of solid waste collected in areas of Snohomish County annexed to the city after January 2, 2011, through the Snohomish County solid waste system. Solid waste generated or collected within all other portions of the corporate limits of the city (either within or outside King County) are to be disposed of through the King County solid waste system.

The area addressed in the enclosed proposed Motion, known as the Bloomberg Annexation Area, was annexed to the city in 2012. It comprises 11.9 acres and is located just north of the King/Snohomish County line. It previously contained five homes and is currently being developed for 48 homes. Through an oversight that was discovered during the City of Bothell's contract negotiations with waste haulers, and contrary to the terms of the 2014 amended ILA, waste from the area has been disposed of in King County.

The City of Bothell is requesting the ILA be amended to allow King County to accept waste from the area. Codifying this practice would eliminate the need for the City to contract with a different hauler, and for the hauler to change disposal sites, which would add significant mileage and associated environmental impacts. Moreover, the estimated amount of waste going to the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill (CHRLF) from the new development would be less than

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26 tons per year, or 0.15 percent of the total tonnage going to CHRLF from within the Bothell city limits.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion. The requested ILA amendment would avoid logistical and environmental impacts. It would also enhance King County's relationship with the City of Bothell — a key partner in the County's regional solid waste management system — as well as Snohomish County.

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

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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