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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 to you a proposed Motion that would, if approved, appoint the honorable King County Executive Girmay Zahilay to a new four-year term to the Sound Transit Board as a county executive from a member county within the authority boundaries, per RCW 81.112.040. Governed by an 18-member Board of Directors made up of local elected officials proportional to the population included in the Sound Transit district, the Board establishes policies and gives directions and oversight regarding voter-approved projects within the Sound Transit taxing district. King County is represented by 10 Board members who are appointed by the King County Executive and confirmed by the King County Council.

I will join other local and countywide officials who demonstrate a strong understanding of the significant role that mass transit infrastructure plays in getting the people of our region where they're going, safely, and economically. I will prioritize building a system that is reliable, accessible, affordable, safe, and growing in a timely way to every corner of our region. Our transit system should not just pass through our communities but should contribute to them holistically.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion. This important legislation will help ensure active and timely participation by King County board members on pressing issues and policy decisions required in 2026.

Honorable Sarah Perry

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If your staff have questions, please contact Karan Gill, Deputy Executive, at (206)477-0952.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Zahilay', with a large, stylized 'Z' and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Executive Girmay Zahilay

King County Executive

cc: King County Councilmembers

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

Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

Karan Gill, Deputy Executive, Office of the Executive