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November 17, 2003

The Honorable Cynthia Sullivan
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
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Dear Councilmember Sullivan:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed legislation that would authorize the transfer of Mt. Rainier Pool to the cities of Des Moines and Normandy Park, who will jointly own and operate the pool. Mt. Rainier Pool represents the tenth and final urban pool to transfer. As you are aware, King County, due to its current fiscal crisis, can no longer afford to operate in-city park and aquatic facilities.

The attached legislation includes authorization for both an interlocal transfer agreement and a lease assignment agreement. The lease between the County and Highline School District No. 401 is unique among all pool leases in that it stipulates that the District must explicitly approve assignment of the lease to any new pool owner. In order to secure the District's commitment to assign the lease, the County has obligated itself to future actions regarding the demolition of the Pool, if the District should so choose, and therefore King County Council approval of the assignment agreement is also needed.

The Pool is currently being operated under an operation agreement with the County that expires on December 31, 2003. Therefore, in order to ensure that ownership of the Pool is transferred as of January 1, 2004, I respectfully request that the Council take action on this matter before it recesses for the year. This will ensure a seamless transfer between County and city ownership.



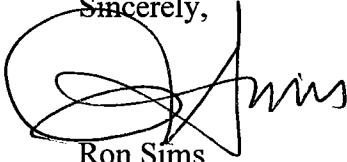
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I look forward to favorable action by the Council.

Sincerely,

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Ron Sims
King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: David deCourcy, Chief of Staff

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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

The Honorable Julia Patterson, King County Councilmember

Steve Call, Director, Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

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Bob Burns, Deputy Director, DNRP

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