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The Honorable Claudia Balducci
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits the 2022 Comprehensive Plan Performance Measures Report in accordance with 2016 King County Comprehensive Plan Workplan Action 2 and King County Motion 15014, which created the King County Comprehensive Plan Performance Measures Framework.

As required, the enclosed report elaborates on the 16 longer-term indicators detailed in the Performance Measures Framework that provide insight into whether the goals of the Comprehensive Plan are being achieved. In addition to reporting on the Comprehensive Plan's performance, findings from this report will influence the scope of work for the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update, which is being transmitted concurrent with this report.

Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget staff worked across King County departments to develop this report. Staff tapped existing performance measurement programs and intersecting demographic data to evaluate equity and social justice impacts. Some of the key findings from the report include:

- King County is meeting its urban growth goals and has enough capacity to accommodate planned growth.
- Housing development has not kept pace with population and economic growth, and continues to be less affordable for lower income, renter, and many Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color households.
- New housing and commercial development have largely located near transit, and commuters are increasingly using alternatives to driving alone to work.
- The area of agricultural and forest resource lands, farmland in active production, and priority open space lands has increased.
- Greenhouse gas emissions per capita have decreased, but progress is still necessary to meet countywide emission reduction goals.
- Other performance measures show steady performance at a countywide scale.

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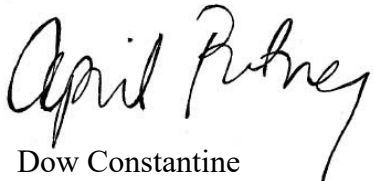
This report is consistent with the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government through accountable performance monitoring. The report is consistent with the Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan, focusing on upstream performance indicators, and including analysis that examines disparate performance outcomes by race, place, and income. The report supports the Strategic Climate Action Plan through reporting on core elements to King County's climate action strategy, including protection of working farms and forests and open spaces, urban development and transit use, and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Finally, the report measures data relevant to and relates progress made by key King County initiatives, including the Land Conservation Initiative and the Local Food Initiative.

Developing this report required approximately 1,200 staff hours, costing approximately \$60,000.

Thank you for your consideration of this important report, which will help to ensure that the 2024 Comprehensive Plan update continues King County's progress in implementing the Growth Management Act, protecting rural and natural resource lands, and encouraging equitable development across King County.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Lauren Smith, Director, Regional Planning, Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget, at 206-263-9306.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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