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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 the *Climate Resilience Hubs Report*, as called for by Ordinance 19861, Section 18, P1.

The report provides the requested information on King County's progress in developing resilience hubs, collaboration with local jurisdictions through the King County-Cities Climate Collaboration (K4C), and a timeline for next steps. The report includes an overview of current efforts, case studies from across the region, a proposed plan for future community engagement, and recommendations for regional coordination and investment.

As outlined in the report, King County is not directly operating resilience hubs but is actively investing in the foundational components that support their development, such as facility upgrades, clean energy infrastructure, and community partnerships. Case studies from Issaquah, Seattle, and Vashon Island demonstrate the growing momentum behind locally led, community-centered models. These efforts are guided by and aligned with key King County policy frameworks, including the 2025 Strategic Climate Action Plan, the 2024 Extreme Heat Mitigation Strategy, and the Regional Operational Plan for Extreme Weather Sheltering.

The report was developed by the Executive Climate Office in collaboration with the Office of Emergency Management. Additional input was gathered through the K4C Climate Preparedness Working Group, a survey of K4C members, and coordination with community-based organizations. Together, these efforts informed a two-phase plan for potential future engagement and helped identify opportunities for technical support, funding, and long-term coordination to advance resilience hubs and networks across King County.

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Thank you for your consideration of this report. The important work described within lays the foundation for a more equitable, coordinated, and community-rooted response to climate-related emergencies, helping King County residents prepare for and thrive during both everyday challenges and times of crisis.

If your staff have questions, please contact Marissa Aho, Director, Executive Climate Office, at (206) 848-0579.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Braddock".

for

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Enclosure

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