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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 a proposed motion that, if enacted, would authorize the King County Executive to accept the donation of an approximately five-acre conservation easement on a private property on Vashon Island, appraised at seventy thousand dollars, for habitat conservation purposes.

Approval of this proposed legislation would support the mission of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks by protecting natural ecosystems that benefit the people of King County. The proposed motion would protect land in the rural area and permanently protect fish and wildlife habitat. A map showing the location of the property is attached.

This proposed legislation supports the King County Strategic Plan goal of a Healthy Environment by preserving open space and rural character while addressing climate change through the preservation of healthy forests, permanent conservation of fish and wildlife habitat and the protection of land in the rural area. The proposed motion also supports the Strategic Climate Action Plan goal of protecting forest lands and the multiple benefits forests provide including supporting greenhouse gas reduction efforts through carbon sequestration and increasing forest canopy in urban and rural areas of the county. This proposed property donation is consistent with the King County Open Space Plan which calls for the preservation of open space properties that provide public benefit and natural resource protection, and helps implement the Land Conservation Initiative which seeks to protect the remaining high conservation value lands within King County by 2050.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed motion. This important legislation would help preserve forested acreage for future generations of King County residents.

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If your staff have any questions, please contact Warren Jimenez, Division Director of the Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-4525.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dow Constantine', written in a cursive style.

for

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King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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