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August 12, 2026

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 a proposed Ordinance that, if enacted, will enable King County to temporarily remove a deed restriction over the property located at 12531 28th Avenue NE, Seattle.

The property is encumbered by a deed restriction, in favor of King County, restricting the use of the property to park and recreation use only. The property is comprised of Albert Davis Park and the Lake City Community Center, which was destroyed by a fire in 2023.

The City of Seattle, in partnership with Mercy Housing, has proposed constructing affordable housing units on top of a replacement community center. The City's proposal includes completing a boundary line adjustment to create two separate parcels. One parcel will consist of affordable housing co-located with the community center, and the other will remain a park. King County must release the restrictive covenant to authorize affordable housing, non-recreational use, to be co-located with the new community center. Once construction is complete, the County and the City will re-record the restrictive covenant on the parcel encompassing the park.

This transaction is recommended per the rationale and considerations provided in the attached property summary. Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

If your staff have questions, contact Lisa K. Pearson, Director, Facilities Management Division at 206-263-9238.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karan Gill', is positioned above the word 'for'.

for

Girmay Zahilay

King County Executive

Enclosure

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