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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 Ordinance that, if enacted, will enable King County to transfer several County properties to the City of Seattle in exchange for a City of Seattle property located south of the Court House at 400 Third Avenue in support of King County operations and services.

This transaction is recommended per the rationale and considerations provided in the attached property summary.

I am pleased about this collaboration with the City of Seattle. The land transfer will enable us to expand our civic campus considerations while still maintaining access to this important public space. And I am particularly excited about our transfer of King County properties that will support community access and improve connections to nature for everyone, especially in areas where both City and Unincorporated County residents may face more obstacles to accessing parks, trails, and other outdoor recreation opportunities.

This land transfer furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government, as well as the healthy environment, and safety and justice goal areas by partnering with the City of Seattle to enhance the downtown County courthouse complex vicinity and improve access to outdoor recreation opportunities.

Thank you for your consideration of this important proposed legislation.

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If your staff have any questions, please contact Anthony Wright, Director, Facilities Management Division, at 206-477-9352.

Sincerely,

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