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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, would amend King County Code 4A.100.070.D and Ordinance 17929 to allow the Executive to execute cooperative agreements with other government agencies for shared fiber optic projects. Adoption of this proposed Ordinance enables King County to efficiently streamline its fiber optic infrastructure interagency partnerships and continue providing services to the public and King County agencies.

In 1995, King County, the City of Seattle, University of Washington, Federal General Services Administration and Seattle Community College District developed terms and conditions for cooperative agreements between government agencies for the joint installation, ownership, and maintenance of fiber optic cable and cooperative use of associated infrastructure and facilities. Over the past twenty years, these and other fiber partners have executed interagency project agreements serving the participating public sector organizations. These agreements have been adopted by more than seventeen government agencies.

The proposed Ordinance would amend the King County Code to allow King County Information Technology (KCIT) department and other King County departments to execute interagency project agreements associated with fiber optic infrastructure that have maintenance payment obligations beyond the current biennium without further approval by the King County Council and without termination for non-appropriation clause as currently required by King County Code 4A.100.070.D. The proposed amendment would add an exception to the KCC 4A.100.070.D requirement for these interagency project agreements as to the maintenance payment obligations only.

This proposed Ordinance supports the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government.

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Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Tommy Lee, IT Manager: I-Net and Business Development, King County Information Technology Department, at 206-263-8758.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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