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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:

As required by K.C.C. 20.18.060, this letter transmits a proposed Motion that outlines the Executive recommended scope of work for the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan Update (2024 update). The proposed scope includes the topical areas to be addressed in the 2024 update, as well as the work programs for environmental review and public participation.

The 2024 update is an opportunity to make substantive policy changes that address our community's long-term needs and advance the County's policy goals. This update is also the Washington State Growth Management Act's (GMA) statutory periodic review, which requires a comprehensive review and update to the Comprehensive Plan to ensure compliance with GMA goals and requirements. This update is required by state law to be completed by December 31, 2024. As part of the 2024 update, the County will complete a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Comprehensive Plan. We will also complete an equity impact analysis of the proposed update prior to adoption.

A primary goal of the 2024 update will be to implement the 2021 Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) recommended by the Growth Management Planning Council and adopted by the King County Council. The 2024 update will also be rooted in our shared value of making King County a welcoming community where every person can thrive. To help advance this goal and be consistent with the core themes of the CPPs, the 2024 update will have three focus areas: pro-equity, housing, and climate change and the environment. By focusing on these critical issues, I intend to prioritize policies and regulations that address our community's most pressing long-range planning needs.

My Regional Planning staff worked closely with Council central staff to develop the 2024 update schedule. King County Code 20.18.060 currently requires the Executive proposed scope of work for the 2024 update to be transmitted by June 30, 2022, with the deadline for potential Council approval of September 15, 2022. However, due to the EIS process and its associated timelines, we need to establish the scope sooner. Given this, I am transmitting the Motion for the scope of the 2024 update on March 31, 2022, with a revised deadline for potential Council

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approval adjusted accordingly to June 15, 2022. A proposed Ordinance reflecting this change in the code is transmitted concurrently with this proposed Motion.

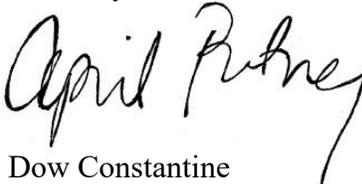
Robust public engagement will occur throughout the 2024 update process. We will center the voices, experiences, and perspectives of immigrant, Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color in this work by partnering with King County equity cabinets and community-based organizations. I am committed to coordinating and collaborating with the King County Council throughout this process, beginning with establishing the scope of work and creating key points of coordination to ensure a thorough environmental analysis.

This proposed Motion reflects the efficient, accountable regional and local government goal of the King County Strategic Plan by recognizing the role of land use planning in shaping a diverse and dynamic community with a healthy environment where all people have the opportunity to thrive. This Motion advances the goals of the Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan and Strategic Climate Action plan through its pro-equity, housing, and climate change and the environment focus areas of the 2024 update.

Thank you for your consideration of this important proposed legislation. The proposed scope of work will build on the successes of the current Comprehensive Plan and set the stage for the County to further its work on critical long-range planning issues.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Lauren Smith, Director for Regional Planning at the Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, at 206-263-9606.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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