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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 adopting the community needs lists for Skyway-West Hill and North Highline, as required by King County Code 2.16.055.C.

As required, the proposed community needs lists include the potential services, programs, facilities, and capital improvements that respond to community-identified needs, including those that build on the communities' strengths and assets. They were developed in collaboration and consultation with members of the Skyway-West Hill and North Highline communities. This engagement focused on inclusivity and centering and lifting the voices of those most impacted.

Departments and agencies are continuing to refine the proposed community needs lists as they develop proposals for the upcoming biennial budget process. In accordance with K.C.C. 2.16.055.C., updated community needs lists will be submitted concurrent with my biennial budget submittal this fall.

The proposed legislation furthers the efficient, accountable regional and local government goal of the King County Strategic Plan and its objective to align the funding, policy, and operational goals of the County with community priorities. The community needs lists are one approach that can be used to achieve the goal of aligning funding with community priorities. The work to develop and implement the community needs lists deepens government engagement with community, builds stronger communities, and helps make public budgets more equitable and effective, which reflect the goals of the County's Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan and pro-equity agenda.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

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If your staff have any questions, please contact John Taylor, Director, Department of Local Services, at 206-477-4602.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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