



## King County

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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:

I am pleased to transmit for your review and consideration the Townhouse Accessory Dwelling Analysis Report as called for by Ordinance 19210, Section 87, Proviso P2, along with a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, accept the report.

As required, the enclosed contains a racial equity analysis. The analysis examines equity implications of recent amendments to King County's zoning code regulations that allow accessory dwelling units to be constructed within the same structure as a townhouse, or on the same lot as a townhouse. The Proviso also required that the Department of Local Services conduct this analysis using tools and data from the Office of Equity and Social Justice, which was completed and further augmented by outside tools and data from the University of California, Berkeley's Urban Displacement Project.

The information provided in this report supports the accessible, affordable housing goal of the King County Strategic Plan by investigating racial equity implications of the zoning code and thereby understanding potential inequitable outcomes that could pose barriers to obtaining quality affordable housing. This work also supports goals within the King County Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan to conduct analyses of equity impacts and to develop improved tools for plans, policies, and budgets.

This report utilized \$50,000 in funds for the consultant contract. It also required approximately 110 hours of staff time to produce, costing approximately \$10,900 in staff hours.

Thank you for your consideration of this report and proposed Motion, which provide information and analysis to support equitable and just land use policymaking in King County.

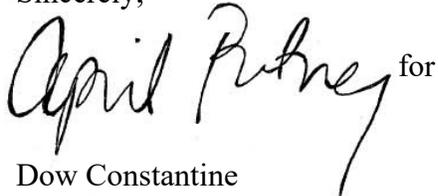
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If your staff have any questions, please contact Jim Chan, Director, Department of Local Services Permitting Division at 206-477-0385.

Sincerely,

 for

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King County Executive

Enclosure

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