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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:

Pursuant to Ordinance 19210, Section 87, Proviso P1, I am pleased to transmit the North Highline Urban Design Implementation Strategies Study and proposed Motion which would approve the study. A proposed Ordinance that would enact these proposed standards are transmitted to the King County Council concurrently with this report.

The study presents proposed design standards that prioritize the pedestrian environment of the North Highline community. They were informed by community input and visioning, as well as the existing urban form and character. The proposed standards are complimentary regulatory tools to King County's existing development codes.

These proposed standards seek to channel future developments to fit the context of the North Highline community. The components of the standards developers would be required to address include conducting a contextual analysis of surrounding areas; collecting and addressing public feedback; design of the public realm, stormwater and landscape; design for culture and expression; and design for a safe and welcoming neighborhood. The proposed standards outline the expectations of developer submittals and a review process that contains a more intensive community input process than other development reviews at King County.

This report and the proposed design standards reflect the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government.

The total estimated cost for this project is \$175,200. It is estimated that the report required 730 hours of staff time to produce, costing approximately \$65,800. Consultant costs totaled approximately \$104,000, and \$5,400 was spent on the community advisory group.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion and study. The accompanying report and proposed legislation will help promote future development that fits the context of the North Highline community.

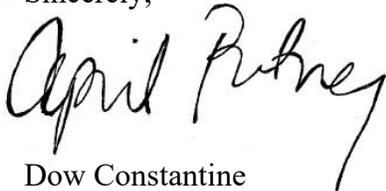
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If your staff have any questions, please contact John Taylor, Director, Department of Local Services, at 206-477-3800.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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