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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 the Parks Levy Oversight Board's (Board) review of the 2021 expenditures for the 2020-2025 Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Levy, in accordance with Ordinance 18890. This is the second report on levy expenditures for the levy period.

The report summarizes the Board's review of financial materials, including how Parks Levy revenues were allocated to, and expended by, the County, cities, Woodland Park Zoo, and the Seattle Aquarium in 2021, as outlined in Ordinance 18890. It also includes a review of Parks and Recreation Division (Division) of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks progress in meeting the goals of the Parks Levy, consistent with Ordinance 18890. The Board identified that the Division is compliant with the Parks Levy allocation requirements.

It is estimated that the report required 30 staff hours to produce, costing approximately \$2,000. The estimated printing cost for this report is minimal.

Thank you for your consideration of this report. These important comments and observations from the Parks Levy Oversight Board will help King County residents better understand the County's progress toward achieving the purposes of the Parks Levy and the level of accountability and commitment demonstrated toward delivering on that mission.

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If your staff have any questions, please contact Warren Jimenez, Parks and Recreation Division Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-4525.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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