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The Honorable Dave Upthegrove Chair, King County Council Room 1200 C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that would, if enacted, authorize execution of a second amendment to King County's original agreement for sewage disposal with the Ronald Wastewater District, and recognize the City of Shoreline's assumption of the District.

Through an agreement for sewage disposal, King County provides wholesale sewage treatment services to 34 local sewer agencies, consisting of 18 cities, 15 sewer districts, and the Muckleshoot Tribe. The agreement establishes the terms for the local sewer agency to collect and send its wastewater flows to King County for treatment.

The Ronald Wastewater District and the County's predecessor in interest, the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle, entered into an agreement for sewage disposal on June 23, 1960. This agreement was superseded by an agreement for sewage disposal dated November 6, 1969, and that agreement was subsequently amended in 1992. On April 30, 2021, the City of Shoreline completed its assumption of the Ronald Wastewater District pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington, chapter 35.13A. Shoreline assumed all of the Ronald Wastewater District's rights, responsibilities, assets and liabilities, property, and contractual relationships.

The enclosed proposed Ordinance would recognize Shoreline's assumption of the District's rights and responsibilities under the agreement for sewage disposal.

King County and Shoreline coordinated in developing the amendment to recognize the mutual desire for a continued partnership in providing sewer conveyance and treatment services to residents and businesses in Shoreline.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. This important legislation will protect ratepayer investments in the County's regional wastewater system and ensure continued reliable sewer services for Shoreline.

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If your staff have any questions, please contact Kamuron Gurol, Division Director of the Wastewater Treatment Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-263-5767.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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