



Memorandum

Date: 6/20/2023
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 23-079
Type: Consent Item

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):

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DEPARTMENT STAFF:

Public Works	Aaron Moldver	Environmental Programs Manager
Public Works	Micah Bonkowski	Solid Waste and Sustainability Program Administrator

TITLE:
Approve Mayor to Sign King County Re+ Pledge

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Authorize the Mayor to sign King County’s RE+ Pledge. Signing of the Re+ Pledge, acknowledges the success of Re+ requires collaboration between King County and local jurisdictions to support the shared vision of Re+. Reducing single-use items, reusing everything that can be, recycling what’s left, renewing communities, and rethinking what’s possible is in alignment with the City’s Environmental Sustainability Action Plan goals.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

Receive Information Provide Direction Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, King County Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement, Redmond Environmental Sustainability Action Plan
- **Required:**
N/A
- **Council Request:**
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**
N/A

OUTCOMES:

The King County Solid Waste Division (KCSWD) is the planning authority for and owner and operator of the solid waste transfer and disposal system serving the residents and businesses in unincorporated King County and in most cities in King County. The KCSWD and partner cities have committed jointly to ambitious waste avoidance and reduction goals in numerous planning documents, including the King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (“Comp Plan”) and the K4C Commitment. These documents set goals to achieve zero waste of resources by 2030, meaning no materials of value are sent to the landfill. The City of Redmond’s Environmental Sustainability Action Plan also sets meaningful and aggressive goals around waste reduction, including diverting 70% of Redmond’s waste from the landfill and reducing garbage disposed per person.

King County’s Re+ Strategic Plan (see Attachment A) is King County’s action plan to achieve these zero waste goals. A systemic shift is needed to move from a throwaway economy to one focused more upon the circular use of resources. The plan was developed by the Zero Waste of Resources Task Force, a collaborative effort of King County, cities, haulers, and community members, including Environmental Programs Manager, Aaron Moldver, from the City. The task force met and identified and prioritized actions to inform the Re+ Plan.

Re+ focuses on reducing use of single-use items, promoting reuse, recycling what is left, and working toward a more circular economy. Re+ seeks to minimize waste by keeping valuable materials in use and out of the landfill. By signing the Re+ Pledge, the City recognizes that the success of Re+ requires collaboration between King County and local jurisdictions to support the shared vision that Re+ represents.

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

There are no immediate, direct costs to the City for supporting the RE+ pledge. The funding for Re+ programs and activities is included in King County Solid Waste Division’s 2023-2024 budget.

Approved in current biennial budget: **Yes** **No** **N/A**

Budget Offer Number:

N/A

Budget Priority :

Healthy and Sustainable

Other budget impacts or additional costs: Yes No N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
6/13/2023	Study Session	Receive Information

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
6/20/2023	Business Meeting	Approve

Time Constraints:

To be eligible to compete for King County Re+ Grant funding, the pledge must be signed by June 30, 2023.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

The city would not be eligible to compete for King County Re+ Grant funding.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A - King County Re+ Plan

Attachment B - King County Re+ Pledge