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

October 30, 2024

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that would, if enacted, adopt amendments to the 2021 King County Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs). The enclosed proposed amendments were unanimously recommended by the King County Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC) on September 18, 2024.

The CPPs establish a shared framework for growth management planning for all jurisdictions in King County. In its 2024 work program, the GMPC included consideration of potential Urban Growth Area (UGA) changes proposed in the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan (2024 Comprehensive Plan) as well as a review of the policies and criteria in the CPPs related to Countywide Centers.

Regarding the UGA amendment, the 2024 Comprehensive Plan process included the review of three unincorporated urban parcels along the northern edge of the City of Maple Valley. In December 2023, the Executive proposed in the 2024 Comprehensive Plan that the parcels be removed from the UGA and be redesignated to Rural Area. This recommendation was carried forward in the King County Council's Local Services and Land Use Committee's recommended plan, which was voted on in June 2024. This potential UGA amendment was brought to the GMPC for their review in July 2024, and at its September 2024 meeting, the GMPC unanimously approved GMPC Motion 24-1 recommending the UGA amendment.

Regarding the countywide centers amendment, in 2024 the GMPC reviewed the CPPs related to the planning expectations for Countywide Centers. Proposed CPPs amendments were brought to the GMPC for its review in July 2024, and at its September 2024 meeting, the GMPC unanimously approved GMPC Motion 24-2 recommending the countywide center planning expectation amendments.

The collaborative process used to develop this proposed legislation embodies the ethic of

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coordinated planning required by the Growth Management Act. King County staff, municipal planners, elected officials, and community-based organizations were involved in developing the recommendations in the proposed legislation. No budget action is needed to support the proposed Ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. This important legislation is one of the many steps needed to ensure King County protects its environment while accommodating and managing growth.

If your staff have questions, please contact Lauren Smith, Deputy Director for Regional Planning, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, at 206-263-9606.

Sincerely,



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