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June 28, 1985

The Honorable Gary Grant Chairman, King County Council C O U R T H O U S E

RE: Ordinance 7242

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am reluctantly permitting Ordinance 7242, granting preliminary approval to the Plat of Patterson Ridge, to become law without my signature.

The development authorized by this subdivision is contrary to King County's land use plans and policies and would overtax available facilities and services in the Bear Creek Community's Eastern Plateau.

The Bear Creek Middle Plan, which governs this proposal until a new community plan is adopted, establishes the Eastern Plateau as an urban reserve. The Plan intended to defer urban development in this area until King County explicitly determines the Plateau is appropriate for urban densities. No such determination has been made. Indeed, the King County Council, by designating this community as transitional in the 1985 Comprehensive Plan, made a clear commitment to upholding current policy until the new Bear Creek Community Plan is in place.

The 1985 Comprehensive Plan clearly requires facilities and services to be available before urban densities may be approved. We believe the environmental impact statement prepared for Patterson Ridge shows facilities and services to be inadequate to support the 107 homes to be built there.

This is a close question where differences of opinion exist, but it is indisputable that the Eastern Plateau lacks the capacity to support an urban pattern of development. Schools, roads, drainage, police, and fire protection, to name a few, are now scaled to the area's rural character. Orderly change, if it comes, will require planning and direction by King County and support and cooperation by service providers. If this change is to happen, it would be better to wait for the new Bear Creek Plan.

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I know the Council shares our commitment to planned growth and adequate facilities and services. We hope you will be able to limit your decision on Patterson Ridge to the specific location and relatively low density of that proposal and will not establish a precedent for a premature commitment of the Eastern Plateau to urban density for all "G" zoned land.

If you have any questions about our concerns, please contact Holly Miller at 344-7503.

King County Executive

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