

King County Parks Levy Task Force

November 16, 2012

Honorable Dow Constantine
King County Executive
401 5th Avenue, Ste. 800
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Report of the King County Parks Levy Task Force

Dear Executive Constantine:

We enclose a copy of our report in response to the mission you gave us this past June to respond to two questions:

- What should be done to preserve the County's 26,000-acre system of parks and trails after the current operating and capital levies expire at the end of 2013?
- What should be done to meet the future parks and recreation needs of King County residents?

We are recommending a bold package that will both continue the levels of support provided by the two current parks and open space levies and seek funding for a limited set of strategic enhancements. As stated in the Executive Summary, we believe this proposal is consistent with the vision that voters of King County have supported many times: approving legacy investments in our quality of life and preserving our spectacular natural environment.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve on this Task Force. We would also like to express our thanks to the Parks Division staff for their excellent work in support of the Task Force.

The three Task Force Co-Chairs would be pleased to meet with you to discuss our recommendations and answer any questions you may have regarding them.

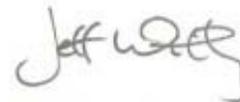
Sincerely,



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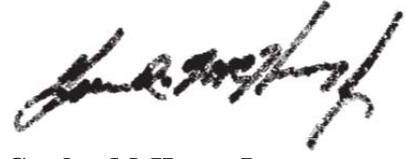
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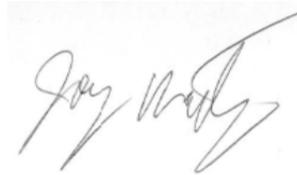
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