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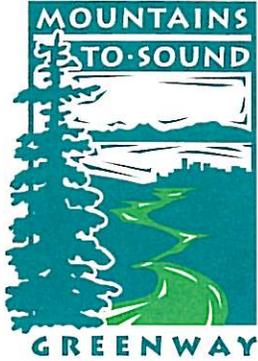
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July 1, 2008

Council Chair, Julia Patterson
Metropolitan King County Council
516 Third Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Councilmember Patterson,

I am writing on behalf of the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust in support of the proposed Open Space Amendment to the King County Charter. This amendment would afford extra protection to certain listed lands that the County holds an interest in. As we at the Greenway know by experienced observation, having land in public ownership is not always sufficient to ensure it remains so. The Open Space Amendment is a valued construct to address this issue, and we applaud the King County Charter Review Commission for proposing it. We urge the Council to provide further protection for these valuable conservation and outdoor recreation properties that the County holds in public trust by placing this amendment on ballot at the earliest opportunity.

The Greenway notes that almost 12,000 acres of open space land were not included in the amendment's list, and we suggest that at least some of these should be added to the inventory. Of particular interest to the Greenway are: Grand Ridge, Preston Ridge Park, Preston Mill and Tolt River- John MacDonald Park.

The Greenway also suggests that any conveyance of open space property interest to other governments should clearly carry the same conditions. With annexations and public land ownership patterns, it often makes sense for the County to transfer interest to another agency, but such transfers should clearly ensure that the property continues to be used in a manner consistent with the original public acquisition.

Since 1991, the public has invested over \$200 million to acquire lands to create the Mountains to Sound Greenway. The Greenway now includes hundreds of outdoor recreation trails, parks and campgrounds, spectacular alpine scenery, critical high country wildlife habitat, historic towns, lakes, rivers and over 350,000 acres of publicly owned lands in King County alone. These lands provide clean water, clean air, outdoor recreation and great economic benefit to the citizens of King County. As a tribute to its beauty, the stretch of I-90 within the Greenway has been designated a National Scenic Byway. The

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continued conservation of public open space is core to the mission of the Greenway Trust, to provide lands for all of us in the region to enjoy, and as such we wholeheartedly support the Open Space Amendment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cynthia Welti', written in a cursive style.

Cynthia Welti
Executive Director

Cc: Ron Sims, King County Executive
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Kevin Brown, Director, King County Parks