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Name Withheld

Dear PCO,

I am writing to ask for your support at the upcoming King County Democrats nominating convention. I would be honored to receive the nomination from our Party and ask that you vote for me.

As you know, the Executive race is about the future of our great County; and, most importantly, the legacy we will leave for the next generation of residents. My Republican opponent wants to roll back many of the gains we have achieved over the past eight years. We must not let this happen. Let us work together to ensure a Democratic victory this Fall.

Together we have:

- Protected over 130,000 acres of forest land, built over 100 ball fields across the county for recreational use by children and adults and added to our trail system which now totals over 175 miles.
- Provided additional transportation alternatives throughout the county, including the expansion of Metro bus service, the addition of trails and bike paths, and light rail, which will come on line in just a few short years.
- Safeguarded human services for the most vulnerable in our community by implementing funding solutions that have helped battered mothers, the homeless, abused children, and low-income seniors.
- Stabilized county finances with prudent fiscal policies that have resulted in King County maintaining one of the highest bond ratings in the country.
- Protected the paychecks, benefits and seniority of county employees who served in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

We cannot allow the Republicans to take control of the Executive's office and implement their right-wing agenda here in King County. Across the country the Republican Party is focusing on local races as their foundation for national victory. We can't afford to allow this to happen in our backyard and I need your help to defeat them.

There are still so many critical issues facing us today and we need a Democrat to tackle these problems and find solutions that will benefit every resident in the county. Our agenda for the next few years in King County must be:

- **Reclamation and protection of Puget Sound.** The Sound is dying, more species of fish are becoming extinct, and the Orca whales are endangered. We've got to begin this tough task and I intend to make this effort the hallmark of my administration over the next four years. **Saving Puget Sound will cost money, political capital and will take a lot of time – that's a job for a Democrat.**

- **Ending homelessness.** King County has been asked to take the lead on the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness and I have been enthusiastic about accepting this challenge. Through creative solutions, focused services and capital investments, we really can put a roof over everyone's bed and help more residents lead successful lives. **Ending homelessness is a process – not a quick fix – and time and again it has been because of Democratic leadership that we have made strides in servicing this fragile population.**
- **Continuing our environmental stewardship.** We must continue to focus on protecting forestlands and open space for future generations and I intend to preserve another 100,000 acres of land in King County to meet this goal. We've got a drought upon us that is serving as an important wake up call for all of us. Global warming is on our horizon and King County must be a leader in preparing for the future and ensuring enough water for people, fish and farms. **Environmental stewardship is a tenet of the Democratic Party while environmental degradation (witness ANWR) is the hallmark of Republican leadership.**
- **Expansion of our transportation system.** The legislature has given local authority to King County to make some real investments in our transportation infrastructure. We have too many old and crumbling roads and bridges and we are headed toward an infrastructure crisis. Such investments must also include the expansion of alternative transportation opportunities, including light rail, bus rapid transit, trails and carpool services. **Republicans just want to continue paving over our beautiful county. Democrats know that we need alternatives to roads in order to preserve our quality of life, protect our environment and provide low-cost transportation to every resident.**

I think you and I agree that Republicans do not approach these issues in the same way that you and I do. This is why we must keep the King County Executive Office in Democratic hands.

Please help me fend off the Republican's assault on the future of King County. I need your vote for my reelection at the nominating convention. We must present a unified Party to ward them off. I would be honored to have your support and the nomination of the King County Democratic Party.

This race is about our future and the generations behind us. Please join me in ensuring a Democratic victory this fall.

Yours in solidarity,



Ron Sims
King County Executive