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TO: Aaron McLuen, Fairwood Incorporation Task Force
FM: Elissa Benson, Senior Policy Analyst
RE: King County Proposed Financial Support for Transition of Fairwood Area to City Status through Incorporation or Annexation

I am confirming that the County Executive is prepared to recommend to the County Council an allocation of Annexation Incentive Funds for the transition of the Fairwood Incorporation Area to “city-status” totaling \$1.25 million.

If the incorporation is approved by the voters, the agreement would be negotiated between the county and the City of Fairwood once it is incorporated. The approval of any allocation of Annexation Incentive Funds and the interlocal agreement is subject to County Council approval.

Of the \$1.25 million the County Executive is prepared to recommend, \$500,000 would be from the county’s General Fund and could be applied by the new city of Fairwood for general government purposes. The balance, \$725,000, would be allocated from the county Road Fund, and would be appropriated by the county to road overlay improvements in the proposed city of Fairwood boundaries to be completed prior to the date of incorporation. The Fairwood incorporation area is not currently scheduled for road overlays in the Roads Division capital program. There are a number of local roadways in the area that fall below median road pavement standards; thus this investment reduces capital improvement costs faced by the city.

Further, this offer is conditioned upon the city, either Fairwood or Renton, assuming responsibility for local parks and surface water management facilities in the area on an “as is” basis.

If the incorporation of Fairwood is rejected by voters, the same financial offer will be made to the city of Renton should they annex Fairwood. Please contact me if there are any questions regarding this offer.

cc: The Honorable Ron Sims, King County Executive
The Honorable Reagan Dunn, Councilmember, Metropolitan King County Council
The Honorable Kathy Keolker, Mayor, city of Renton