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Re. King County Land Conservation Initiative

Dear King County Council Members,

The Seattle Audubon Society advocates for preserving green space and wildlife habitat in our city and its surrounding neighborhoods. We urge you to approve the King County Land Conservation Initiative as it helps to address issues like clean air and water, habitat for wildlife, and access of people to greenspace.

One of Seattle Audubon's key conservation issues is around the preservation of urban wild places. Many species of birds rely on our region as they migrate. The King County Land Conservation Initiative has the opportunity to be a provide habitat for wildlife, protect forests and watersheds and also draw people into natural places.

In addition to birds, The Seattle Audubon Conservation Committee has declared that Puget Sound protection is one of the key conservation issues facing our region. The Land Conservation Initiative improves and promotes salmon habitat preservation. Salmon preservation is important for all aspects of the Pacific Northwest ecosystem, including humans, birds, and marine mammals.

Your support for the Land Conservation Initiative shows our regions determination to counter the vast growth this area is experiencing through deliberate conservation of green space. Thank you for your continued work on this issue, and we hope you will support the Land Conservation Initiative.

Sincerely,

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