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PierceCountyWa.gov/PPW**Jen Tetatzin, PE, PMP** - Director

March 22, 2024

Executive Dow Constantine  
King County  
401 Fifth Avenue, Suite 800  
Seattle, WA 98104**Subject: Accelerating Equitable Building Decarbonization throughout the Building Lifecycle Support Letter**

Dear Executive Constantine:

On behalf of Pierce County, I am pleased to convey strong support for King County's application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. The proposal, developed in consultation with Pierce County, works across the building sector to decrease climate pollution, fill gaps in current state and federal programming, and increase community resilience and high-quality jobs for the most vulnerable populations in our region. Climate pollution from the building sector is growing at a faster rate than any other source in Washington. Reducing the region's emissions from the building sector will significantly reduce the state's overall greenhouse gas emissions profile and directly benefit the region's residents, which comprise over half of the state's population.

King County has committed to implementing programs in a collaborative way to ensure the benefits of this investment enhance communities across our region. Pierce County Planning & Public Works (PPW) staff have participated in the development of this proposal and further commit to supporting this work through the life of the grant by participating in collaborative program design and implementation; supporting program oversight by attending quarterly meetings to review progress; and leveraging existing tools such as Pierce County's C-PACER program to connect buildings in our geography to these programs to maximize greenhouse gas reductions and benefits to our communities.

PPW staff will bring expertise and knowledge regarding our buildings and communities to ensure program benefits accrue to low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDACs) and program actions maximize co-benefits and equity outcomes. We acknowledge King County's strong track record of working with partner jurisdictions and utilities to implement programs that benefit the region, and Pierce County is committed to supporting these programs throughout the grant term. Thank you for your continued partnership and leadership in environmental justice and climate change adaptation.

Sincerely,



Jen Tetatzin, P.E.