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King County Flood Control Zone District Advisory Committee
Water and Land Resources Division
King County Department of Natural Resources & Parks
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For Hand Delivery

Dear Committee Members:

The City of Maple Valley understands that you are currently deliberating on the issue of the Subregional Opportunity Fund for the King County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD). This fund would receive one cent from the overall 10 cent per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. It is expected that this one cent could total \$3.2 million for 2008.

We ask the Committee to consider allocating this one cent back to each jurisdiction based on the assessed valuation of each jurisdiction and to then allow that jurisdiction to use the funds for any drainage and water control capital outlays within the local jurisdiction. This would be equitable and would allow some communities that are not in a flood plain to receive funding for their own urgent local needs.

This option would allow greater local control with local officials deciding how to spend the funds to improve local flood control and water quality. This option is straight forward, simple, would cost less to administer and allows local decision-making about how the money is spent – all of which are advantages over establishing a (potentially) cumbersome competitive process for the Subregional Opportunity Fund.

The City Council of the City of Maple Valley urges your Committee to support allowing local control of this one cent of FCZD funds.

Sincerely,

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Mayor, City of Maple Valley