

MSWMAC

Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee

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May 11, 2007

Hon. Larry Gossett, Chair
King County Council
King County Courthouse, Room 1200
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Solid Waste Division Rate Proposal

Dear Councilmember Gossett:

We are writing in support of the Solid Waste Division's 2008 - 2010 rate proposal.

The Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee (MSWMAC) has been meeting monthly since January 2005 to work with the division on long term plans for the King County Solid Waste Management System. With the development of the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Export System Plan, MSWMAC acquired a thorough understanding of our regional system and its needs.

We believe the proposed rate adjustment from \$82.50/ton to \$95/ton will enable the division to begin the much needed improvements to the regional transfer system. These improvements are critical not only to the safe and efficient operation of the transfer stations but also to the need to prepare the system for the eventual closure of the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill. MSWMAC understands that the impact of the rate increase on the average one can customer will be approximately \$0.73/month.

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We encourage the King County Council to approve the proposed rates as soon as possible to provide cities with sufficient time to begin notifying their ratepayers of the new rates.

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Sincerely,



Jean Garber
Chair

Cc: Hon. Ron Sims, King County Executive
Carolyn Armanini, Chair, King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Theresa Jennings, Director, King County Solid Waste Division