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Dear Annual Growth Report Reader:

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the 2005 King County Annual Growth Report (AGR). This is the twenty-third report in a series providing population, economic, and development information for decision-makers in the public and private sectors in King County. Since publication of the first AGR in 1983, this resource book has become one of the county's most respected documents.

King County's Office of Management and Budget prepared the 2005 AGR using data from the county and each of its 39 cities. The AGR includes a one-page statistical profile on each city, and a similar profile of ten "potential annexation areas" in unincorporated King County. I hope you will find the demographic, jobs and housing information useful in understanding your community, and in your life at home, at work and in community decision-making.

This year's AGR highlights King County's increasing diversity as revealed by the U.S. Census. Tables, graphs, text and maps portray the different communities of people and landscape that make King County a wonderful place to live. The report contains new information about housing units, jobs, residential construction and land development. Chapter two of the AGR summarizes the King County Benchmark program which helps us monitor and maintain our excellent quality of life.

If you have questions about the AGR, please call Chandler Felt, Demographer, at 206-205-0712. I hope you enjoy this document and refer to it often.

Sincerely,

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