
**Appendix A:
Letter from City of Kent
to King County**

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March 26, 2001

The Honorable Ron Sims
King County Executive
King County Courthouse, Rm. 400
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104-2312

Dear Mr. Sims,

The City of Kent is interested in exploring with other south county cities and fire districts the feasibility of having paramedic (ALS) services delivered by a south county consortium. Preliminary discussions with other south county agencies indicate a strong interest in studying this issue and developing a proposal during the life of the proposed six-year levy.

The City of Kent and other agencies are interested in looking at potential and operational benefits to all of the south county agencies. A prime consideration in any proposal would be:

- Having a system that is truly a south county system that would be responsive to all agencies in South County.
- Maintaining a link with and maintaining a quality countywide program in cooperation with other ALS providers.
- Insuring a seamless transition with assurances to existing medics of continued employment.
- Insuring a stable commitment to cover costs in accordance with formulas utilized by other public ALS providers.

We request the option to collaboratively study the alternatives. We anticipate it would take more than a year to identify alternatives and a proposal. We would also request that we be permitted to exercise that option if we determine that this is the best course of action for South King County. We would expect, as a part of our review, to address the four bullet points above and to agree upon a suitable transition period.

We feel it is essential to reach a formal agreement on this issue before May 15, 2001.

Sincerely yours,

Jim White, Mayor
City of Kent

C: Derek Matheson, Asst. City Manager