



King County

Metropolitan King County Council

September 26, 2017

Sound Transit Board
c/o Board Administrator
Sound Transit
401 S Jackson Street
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Recommendation for the Citizen Oversight Panel Nomination in South King County

Dear Chair Dave Somers –

It is with great pleasure that we nominate Dr. James Peyton to serve on the Sound Transit Citizen Oversight Panel as a representative for South King County. After an extensive review of the applicants who volunteered to serve on the panel, we chose Dr. Peyton because of his exemplary background and dedicated involvement in the South King County community.

Dr. Peyton earned his bachelor's degree from Georgetown University and both his master's degree and doctoral degree from the University of California. He is a resident of Des Moines and has spent the last 18 years serving as economics and statistics faculty at Highline College. Dr. Peyton also served on the Sound Transit Link Light Rail Stakeholders Group for the Kent/Des Moines station. As a member of this group, he reviewed community input and evaluated design elements for area sustainability. Dr. Peyton's education, experience and dedication to transit issues in South King County make him a natural fit for a position on the Citizen Oversight Panel.

We strongly recommend the appointment of Dr. Peyton and believe that his experience and expertise will be a great benefit to the panel.

Sincerely,

Councilmember Pete von Reichbauer
King County Council District 7

Councilmember Dave Upthegrove
King County Council District 5