



## King County

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The Honorable Larry Phillips  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Phillips:

On November 5, 2013, King County voters approved King County Charter Amendment No. 1, creating an appointed office of county public defender, a Department of Public Defense, and a Public Defense Advisory Board (PDAB), which was established by King County Ordinance 17678.

The mission of the PDAB is to review the activities and plans of the Department of Public Defense, advocate for high-quality public defense, play a significant role in the selection of the public defender when the office is vacant, and advise the executive and council on matters of equity and social justice related to public defense.

The board is expected to issue two written reports annually – one reviewing the executive's proposed budget for public defense and the other on the state of public defense in King County.

The legislation stipulates that the board shall consist of one representative from each of the following and members shall serve staggered three-year terms:

- The Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (initial one year term);
- The Washington State Office of Public Defense (initial one year term);
- The Washington Defender Association (initial one year term);
- The King County Bar Association (initial one year term);
- A bar association identified as a minority bar association by the Washington State Bar Association (initial two year term);
- A nonpartisan organization active in King County that focuses on mental health issues (initial two year term);

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- A nonpartisan organization active in King County that focuses on substance abuse issues (initial two year term);
- A nonpartisan organization active in King County that focuses on issues concerning military veterans (initial two year term);
- A nonpartisan organization active in King County that focuses on poverty (initial three year term);
- A nonpartisan organization active in King County that focuses on juvenile justice issues (initial three year term); and
- A nonpartisan organization active in King County that focuses on immigration issues (initial three year term)

Enclosed for consideration and approval by the King County Council is a motion confirming the appointment of Thomas Hillier, to the King County Public Defense Advisory Board, representing the Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. The appointment of Mr. Hillier is for a one-year term expiring June 30, 2015.

Enclosed for consideration and approval by the King County Council is a motion confirming the appointment of Sophia Byrd McSherry, to the King County Public Defense Advisory Board, representing the Washington State Office of Public Defense. The appointment of Ms. Byrd McSherry is for a one-year term expiring June 30, 2015.

Enclosed for consideration and approval by the King County Council is a motion confirming the appointment of John Strait, who resides in district two, to the King County Public Defense Advisory Board, representing the Washington Defender Association. The appointment of Mr. Strait is for a one-year term expiring June 30, 2015.

Enclosed for consideration and approval by the King County Council is a motion confirming the appointment of Sharon Armstrong, who resides in district four, to the King County Public Defense Advisory Board representing the King County Bar Association. The appointment of Judge Armstrong is for a one-year term expiring June 30, 2015.

Enclosed for consideration and approval by the King County Council is a motion confirming the appointment of Jeffery Robinson, who resides in district two, to the King County Public Defense Advisory Board, representing a bar association identified as a minority bar association by the Washington State Bar Association. The appointment of Mr. Robinson is for a two-year term expiring June 30, 2016.

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Enclosed for consideration and approval by the King County Council is a motion confirming the appointment of Paul Holland, who resides in district two, to the King County King County Public Defense Advisory Board, representing a nonpartisan organization active in King County that focuses on mental health issues. The appointment of Mr. Holland is for a two-year term expiring June 30, 2016.

Enclosed for consideration and approval by the King County Council is a motion confirming the appointment of Saudia Abdullah, who resides in district seven, to the King County Public Defense Advisory Board, representing a nonpartisan organization active in King County that focuses on substance abuse issues. The appointment of Ms. Abdullah is for a two-year term expiring June 30, 2016.

Enclosed for consideration and approval by the King County Council is a motion confirming the appointment of Leonardo Flor, who resides in district two, to the King County Public Defense Advisory Board, representing a nonpartisan organization active in King County that focuses on issues concerning military veterans. The appointment of Mr. Flor is for a two-year term expiring June 30, 2016.

Enclosed for consideration and approval by the King County Council is a motion confirming the appointment of Marc Boman, who resides in district six, to the King County Public Defense Advisory Board, representing a nonpartisan organization active in King County that focuses on issues related to poverty. The appointment of Mr. Boman is for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2017.

Enclosed for consideration and approval by the King County Council is a motion confirming the appointment of Kimberly Ambrose, who resides in district four, to the King County Public Defense Advisory Board, representing a nonpartisan organization active in King County that focuses on juvenile justice issues. The appointment of Ms. Ambrose is for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2017.

Enclosed for consideration and approval by the King County Council is a motion confirming the appointment of Matt Adams, who resides in district two, to the King County Public Defense Advisory Board, representing a nonpartisan organization active in King County that focuses on immigration issues. The appointment of Mr. Adams is for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2017.

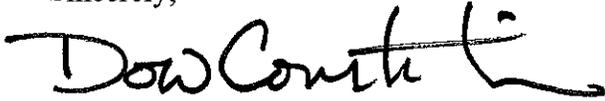
Also enclosed are each individual's completed application form, appointment letter, and board profile.

The above listed appointment requests support the King County Strategic Plan goal of public engagement by expanding opportunities to seek input, listen and respond to residents.

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If you have any questions about this appointment, please have your staff call Rick Ybarra, liaison for boards & commission, at 206-263-9651.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dow Constantine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dow Constantine  
King County Executive

Enclosures

King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Michael Woywod, Chief of Staff

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Carrie S. Cihak, Chief of Policy Development, King County Executive Office

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