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Therapeutic Health Services
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RE: Therapeutic Health Services – Department of Commerce Behavioral Health Facilities Program Funding Application

To Whom It May Concern,

Please consider this letter of support for Therapeutic Health Services planned expansion to offer additional treatment options in South King County. I met with Therapeutic Health Services CEO, Patricia Edmond-Quinn, in August of 2023 to discuss their planned expansion. Agency staff have met with our City's Economic and Community Development department to discuss permitting requirements and are in the process of scheduling a pre-application meeting.

While opiate related overdose deaths continue to rise in our region, we recognize that the current providers of Medically Assisted Treatment (MAT) services in South King County are limited in terms of their capacity to serve additional patients. Therapeutic Health Services has been providing substance use disorder and mental health services at their location on Kent's West Hill since 2010. Additional access to methadone treatment in conjunction with comprehensive care for individuals struggling with opioid use disorder would be beneficial for both those accessing the services and our communities. Providing methadone treatment in a wraparound care setting is proven to lead to better treatment outcomes.

The City of Kent values the work of Therapeutic Health Services and the critical role they play in our region's behavioral health system at the community level.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mayor Dana Ralph