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

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

As required by Ordinance 19791, Section 17, Proviso P2, this letter transmits the Gun Violence Prevention and Response Plan (Plan), and a proposed Motion that if approved, would acknowledge receipt of the report..

The enclosed Plan includes implementation details about the six following strategies:

- Strategy 1. Strengthen systems and relationships. Plan to create a regional board for gun violence prevention and response,
- Strategy 2. Create clear protocols. Plan to develop and implement a standardized protocol for King County departments to follow in the aftermath of gun violence incidents,
- Strategy 3. Resource database and deployment. Plan to develop and deploy a resource database to support victims, families, and communities impacted by gun violence,
- Strategy 4. Advance targeted interventions. Plan how the Executive will collaborate with partners to identify individuals at high risk of being involved in gun violence and create targeted intervention plans to divert these individuals away from participating in gun violence,
- Strategy 5. Data, best practices, and reporting. Plan to use data, best practices, and reporting to create an evaluation plan for activities overseen by the Regional Office, and
- Strategy 6. Funding. Plan to review relevant funding sources to identify opportunities to fund gun violence prevention initiatives.

In addition to the implementation plans for the six strategies, the report notes where current Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention activities are aligned with the strategies, where implementation represent enhancements to current activities and workplans, and when

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additional ongoing resources would be needed to fully implement the strategies identified in the Proviso.

Gun violence is the leading cause of death for children and young adults in King County, as it has been across the country since 2020. In the first half of 2024, 17 children under age 18 have been killed in gun homicides in King County, more than double the number of youth gun homicide victims in 2023.

The June 2024 US Surgeon General's Advisory on firearm violence outlines an evidence-informed public health approach to addressing the crisis of firearm violence, which is aligned with the approach used by the Regional Office of Gun Violence Prevention and the 100 Days of Action against gun violence.

Thank you for your consideration of the information in this report and the proposed Motion.

If your staff have questions, please contact Dr. Faisal Khan, Director, Public Health – Seattle & King County, at 206-477-6246.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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