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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: July 15, 2002.

To: Honorable Scott Noble, King County Assessor

From: David S. Martinez, Chief Information Officer 

RE: King County Strategic Technology Plan

Thank you for your letter of June 21, 2002. I appreciate very much the time you've taken to review the Strategic Technology Plan and for the valuable feedback you provided. I also appreciate the perspective of your department with respect to operational authority of technology systems and resources.

The documentation you provided related to prior agreements between your office and the Executive's representatives on the roles and responsibilities for technology management and operations was helpful for me to understand. I have not been involved in nor heard of any plans in the near term to revisit or modify those agreements. If any changes are to occur, it will be done in full collaboration between the Executive and your office and the State of Washington's Department of Revenue to ensure concurrence on the level of resources available to carry out your office's mandated functions.

Please be assured that Executive Sims supports the business needs and goals of your office and will continue to honor the prior agreements made between your office and the Department of Information and Administrative Services (which is now part of Department of Executive Services) back in 1996. Furthermore, please rest assured that any information technology initiatives based on the Strategic Technology Plan that may be proposed for funding will not compromise the ability of your office to deliver on your legal mandates.

As King County makes decisions on priorities within the scarce economic resources available, we expect all the electorate of the County will likely need to consider alternatives that will have varying degrees of impact on the ability to deliver the quality of services we believe the public expects and deserves. We appreciate your support of

working together on a balanced alignment of technology systems within King County that will meet with state approval.

I look forward to your support of the Strategic Technology Plan in the August 21 meeting of the Strategic Advisory Council.

Please let me know if you would like to meet to discuss any questions you may have regarding the above.

cc: The Honorable Ron Sims, King County Executive  
The Honorable Dow Constantine, Chair, Labor, Technology & Government  
Operations Committee  
Cal Hoggard, Chief of Staff, King County Executive Office  
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