



King County

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November 7, 2024

The Hon. Girmay Zahilay
Chair, Budget and Fiscal Management Committee
Metropolitan King County Council

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

On behalf of Executive Constantine, this letter indicates his support for the recommendations of the Protocol Committee for Superior Court. The Committee today recommended the addition of two judges to the Superior Court, consistent with what is included in the Executive's 2025 Proposed Budget. A letter summarizing the Protocol Committee's recommendations is attached.

This letter is intended to meet the requirements of King County Code 2A.320.510(G). I look forward to the Council's support of this recommendation.

Sincerely,

Dwight Dively
Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget

cc: Ketu Shah, Presiding Judge, Superior Court
Linda Ridge, Superior Court
Councilmember Jorge Baron
Erin Overbey, KCSO
Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council
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Attachment

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November 6, 2024

Dear Executive Dow Constantine,

The Protocol Committee met today and discussed the judicial needs of the court. The members who attended were Councilmember Baron on behalf of the County Council, Director Dively on behalf of the Executive, Erin Overbey on behalf of the KCBA, and myself, representing King County Superior Court.

We reviewed the Technical Committee's report and agreed with its conclusion that King County Superior Court should receive two additional judicial positions. This is a unanimous recommendation.

Thank you,

Ketu Shah

Presiding Judge Ketu Shah

Cc: Linda Ridge
Dwight Dively