



## King County

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

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits a proposed ordinance that, if enacted, authorizes the King County Executive to enter into an agreement with the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) Operator (Operator) for King County employees to provide staff and/or hire staff on behalf of PSERN Operator.

Full cost recovery to the County is a requirement for this work.

The Operator was formed by Ordinance 19165, and the Operator is responsible for ownership, operations, maintenance, upgrades, updates, and repairs of the PSERN system. This system will serve all of King County and provide communications for nearly 18,000 radios, approximately 200 agencies, and 19 dispatch centers that handle all E-911 response communications throughout the county. Funding for the PSERN Project was approved by King County voters in April 2015 for the purpose of upgrading and expanding the King County Emergency Radio Communications System (KCERCS). Once the PSERN Project is complete, PSERN will provide a reliable, private, and locally owned system for all emergency response communications throughout King County, including E-911, and other government operations under management of the future PSERN Operator.

The proposed ordinance advances the King County Strategic Plan goal of Safety and Justice by enhancing public safety through operating the emergency communications system. Preparation of this transmittal package required approximately 38 staff hours, costing approximately \$3,404.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed ordinance. This ordinance will meet the requirements of previous local agreements and provide the mechanism for the new Operator to hire staff and be ready to operate and maintain the life-safety PSERN system supporting E-911

The Honorable Claudia Balducci

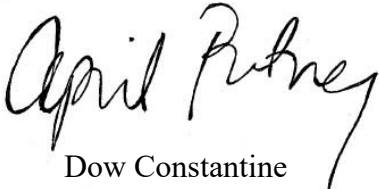
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and other important countywide government services once the network is fully built and operational.

If your staff have questions, please contact Kimberly Nuber, Deputy Division Director, Emergency Radio Communications Division, Department of Information Technology, at [knuber@kingcounty.gov](mailto:knuber@kingcounty.gov) or (206) 263-5865.

Sincerely,



for

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King County Executive

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