



# King County AFIS Advisory Committee

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The Honorable Dow Constantine  
Executive, King County  
401 5th Avenue #800  
Seattle, WA 98104

March 9, 2012

Dear Executive Constantine:

On behalf of King County's Regional Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) Advisory Committee, I am pleased to present for your consideration the 2013-2018 AFIS levy plan. This plan is the basis on which the Committee is recommending a renewal levy rate of \$0.0592 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, to be approved by the voters.

The AFIS levy has received overwhelming community support ever since it first went to the voters in 1986 and on each of the past five renewals. The Regional AFIS Program provides invaluable criminal identification services in support of public safety throughout the County, and is a model for the efficiency of shared services. It allows the citizens of King County to invest in regional fingerprint technology and services for their local law enforcement agencies, at a minimal cost to the individual taxpayer.

The plan includes an executive summary, a description of the program's operations and technology, and the financial overview to continue this vital program for the next six years.

The recommended levy maintains current services, streamlines staffing, and replaces an aging and inadequate regional lab. This maintenance levy also continues funding of the technological improvements started in the last levy cycle. Efficiencies have been identified, including reductions in staffing through attrition (no layoffs) of 11 positions in the Seattle and King County AFIS operations. These efficiencies are estimated to save more than \$6.75 million over the life of the levy.

Upon your concurrence of this plan, I request that it be transmitted to the King County Council for approval and subsequent placement onto the ballot during either the primary or the general election.

Thank you for your consideration in transmitting this AFIS levy plan and ordinance to the King County Council. If you have questions, please contact me at 206-433-1851 or at [David.Cline@TukwilaWA.gov](mailto:David.Cline@TukwilaWA.gov).

Sincerely,

David Cline, Chair  
King County Regional AFIS Advisory Committee

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