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October 21, 2025
The Hon. Rod Dembowski
Chair, Budget and Fiscal Management Committee
Metropolitan King County Council

Dear Councilmember Dembowski:

On behalf of Executive Braddock, this letter indicates her support for the recommendations of the Protocol Committee for Superior Court. The Committee met on October 17, 2025 and recommended the addition of a housing commissioner to Superior Court, consistent with what is included in the Executive's 2026-2027 Proposed Budget. A letter summarizing the Protocol Committee's recommendation 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
Sidney Tribe, King County Bar Association
Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council
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Attachment

**Superior Court for the State of Washington
for the County of King**

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October 20, 2025

Dear Executive Shannon Braddock,

The Protocol Committee met on Friday, October 17, 2026 and discussed the judicial needs of the court. The members who attended were Councilmember Jorge Barón on behalf of the County Council, Director Dwight Dively on behalf of the Executive, Sydney Tribe on behalf of the KCBA, and myself, representing King County Superior Court.

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

Thank you,

Ketu Shah
Presiding Judge Ketu Shah

Cc: Linda Ridge
Dwight Dively