



## 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 the second of three reports in response to 2021-2022 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19210, Section 18, as amended by Ordinance 19318, Section 2, Proviso P4 and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, acknowledge receipt of the report.

As required, the enclosed report is the second of three reports on progress toward addressing the civil and criminal case backlog that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic and progress on addressing new eviction cases after the state eviction moratorium is lifted. The report includes information from District Court, the Department of Judicial Administration, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Department of Public Defense, and Superior Court, on the positions supported by Ordinance 19318, how much appropriation has been expended as of March 31, 2022, statistics on the number of backlog cases resolved, and the identification and discussion of barriers and system challenges to addressing the case backlog.

The Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget collaborated with all affected agencies in developing the report.

Addressing the legal system backlog supports the King County Strategic Plan guiding principles of equitable and fair and quality local government by ensuring individuals can access legal justice in a timely manner. It is also consistent with the goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government, as backlog resources will allow legal system agencies to deliver consistent, responsive, equitable, and high-quality services during an unprecedented global pandemic and its recovery.

It is estimated that the production of this report required 50 staff hours, costing approximately \$4,375.

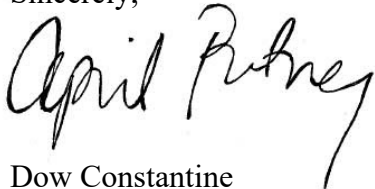
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Thank you for your review of this report. If your staff have any questions, please contact Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget at 206-263-9687.

Sincerely,

 for

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King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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