



## King County

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

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits the second of two reports in response to 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19546, Section 17, Proviso P4 and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, acknowledge receipt of the report.

As required, the enclosed report updates progress toward addressing the civil and criminal case backlog that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. The report is a continuation of reporting required in Ordinance 19210.

The Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget collaborated with District Court, the Department of Judicial Administration, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Department of Public Defense, the Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, and Superior Court in developing the enclosed report.

The report includes information on the positions supported by Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery (CLFR) revenues; how much appropriation has been expended as of June 30, 2024; discussion on the date by which the backlog of cases will be addressed assuming various funding scenarios for 2024; the identification and discussion of barriers and system challenges to addressing the case backlog; funding options to address the backlog in felony criminal cases; data on Superior Court felony backlog; and discussion of the status of the District Court backlog.

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.

The Honorable Dave Upthegrove

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Braddock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular flourish at the end.

for

Dow Constantine

King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, King County Council

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