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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, would enable King County to enter into an interlocal agreement related to public safety answering points (PSAPs) and the countywide enhanced E-911(E-911) emergency communications system with several jurisdictions, pursuant to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 39.34. The interlocal agreement describes the services to be provided by the County and the PSAP, and the rights and responsibilities of the parties to each other.

PSAPs are public's direct link to the dispatchers of emergency services for specific jurisdictions. They link police, fire and medical first responders to members of the public requesting aid, protection or rescue. The proposed ordinance would authorize King County to enter into an interlocal agreement with the following entities:

- The Bothell Police Department;
- The City of Seattle;
- The City of Redmond;
- The Enumclaw Police Department;
- The King County Sheriff's Office;
- The Issaquah Police Department;
- The Port of Seattle;
- North East King County Regional Public Safety Communication (NORCOM)
- The University of Washington Police Department;
- Valley Communications Center; and,
- The Washington State Patrol

In accordance with RCW 38.52.510, the County implements the countywide E-911 emergency communications system. The system network, its components and related equipment related to receipt and processing of 911 calls, are funded through 911 excise tax revenue funds.

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By authorizing the interlocal agreement, King County residents and others will continue to be served by their local PSAP in alignment with the Regionally Collaborative guiding principle of the King County Strategic Plan. Action on the proposed legislation supports the Safety and Justice goal of the Strategic Plan by providing access to the E-911 emergency communication system for those in the cited jurisdictions.

It is estimated that this agreement required 3,000 staff hours to produce, costing \$300,000.

Thank you for your consideration of this ordinance. If your staff have any questions, please contact Ben Breier, E-911 Program Manager at 206-477-4911.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dow Constantine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small "DK" or similar mark at the end.

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Carolyn Busch, Chief of Staff

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