

# **SHERIFF**

## **KING COUNTY**

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Cheryle Broom  
King County Auditor  
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COURTHOUSE

RE: Sheriff's response to Performance Measures Work Plan

Dear Ms. Broom:

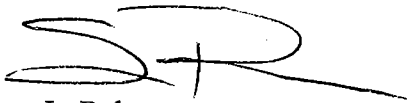
Thank you for inviting my department to participate in the Auditor's Performance Measures Workgroup. I also want to express my appreciation for the opportunity to review their document, "A Work Plan for Developing a Countywide Strategic Planning, Performance Measurement and Management System" prior to its transmittal to Council. I commend the group and offer my support for the work plan's vision and mission. The concept of a future King County government that expands the use of performance measures for management decisions is one I wholeheartedly support. I am pleased to see the vision statement includes citizen input and recognizes the unique needs and obligations of departments headed by separately elected officials. The needs of law enforcement will only be met through collaborative means that focus on common goals. We look forward to the development of a collaborative and complimentary system of performance measurement and management in King County that will recognize and encourage our own efforts within the Sheriff's Office.

The project's mission statement aligns with the KCSO's own recently revised mission and goals. We have recently set goals to enhance our own accountability, service performance and resource allocation.

I understand that the work plan itself will be a living document that will change to adapt to needs and challenges identified in the implementation process. I look forward to our continued participation with the work group and believe that we will all benefit from sharing information as well as coordinating reporting efforts.

Once again, I want to commend the Performance Measures Work Group for having the sensitivity and foresight to draft a plan that recognizes and supports the unique needs of departments while coordinating areas of common interest and concern as we strive toward making King County's provision of services the best they can be. I am confident that working together we will be in a position to improve those services provided to the agencies of King County and the citizens we serve.

Sincerely,



Susan L. Rahr  
Sheriff

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