

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

Bruce W. Hilyer
Presiding Judge

King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

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Kurt Triplett
King County Executive
401 Fifth Avenue, Suite 800
Seattle, Washington 98104

RE: Proposed 2010 Superior Court Budget

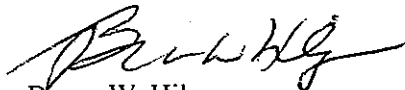
Dear Executive Triplett:

The Superior Court's proposed 2010 budget is enclosed. Consistent with our recent conversations, the proposal reflects a status quo budget. The significant reductions which were necessary as part of the 2009 budget remain in place for 2010. The court's budget proposal reflects the constitutional and legal mandates imposed on the court.

The court is continuing its efforts to inform local state legislators on the need for new revenues to support local court systems. In the past several weeks, meetings have been held with the Governor's legal counsel; King County Chair of the House Judiciary Committee; and the Speaker of the House, to advocate on the local court needs. A similar meeting is planned in the upcoming weeks with the Superior Court Judges' Association (SCJA). We are hopeful these steps will lead to improved funding options in future years at the local level.

The Superior Court's proposed budget reflects both the constitutional and legal mandates imposed upon the court and acknowledges the significant financial challenges facing King County government. Paul Sherfey and I are available to respond to any questions you may have, and look forward to working with you and your staff in preparing a mutually agreed upon budget for transmittal to the King County Council.

Sincerely,



Bruce W. Hilyer
Presiding Judge

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