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

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Motion which would if enacted, confirm Charles Parkins as Director of the Juvenile Division in the King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, consistent with King County Code 2.16.110. The enclosed materials comprise the full set of confirmation documents as established by code and practice.

After an extensive search process, including the participation of the Superior Court judges as required by King County Code 2.16.110(A), Mr. Parkins was selected as Juvenile Division Director, effective May 12, 2025. Mr. Parkins most recently served as Program Director at Rite of Passage residential treatment facility in Alexander, Arkansas with an average daily population of more than 150 youth, where he led a team of more than 200 staff. Prior to moving to Arkansas, Mr. Parkins served as the Deputy Associate Commissioner for the New York City Administration for Children's Services, operating two secure juvenile detention facilities. In addition, Mr. Parkins has worked in probation in Arizona, and for the Division of Youth Corrections in Colorado.

Mr. Parkins has decades of experience in public service and possesses a deep understanding of community supervision, providing trauma-informed care, and implementing evidence-based strategies that improve outcomes for both youth and staff. It is my pleasure to request the confirmation of Charles Parkins as the Director of the Juvenile Division in the King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion. If your staff have any questions, please contact Allen Nance, Director, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, at 206-263-1574.

The Honorable Girmay Zahilay

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Braddock', with a stylized flourish at the end.

for

Shannon Braddock
King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, King County Council
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Allen Nance, Director, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD)

Charles Parkins, Director Designee, DAJD, Juvenile Division