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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 for your review and consideration the Aurora Isolation and Quarantine Site Alternative Use Plan as called for in Ordinance 19210, Section 119, P2, along with a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, acknowledge receipt of the report.

The attached document was developed in partnership between the Facilities Management Division (FMD) and the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS). It includes information from the City of Seattle, FMD, DCHS and Public Health – Seattle & King County.

As directed by the Proviso, this site was reviewed to repurpose it as a hygiene center by DCHS and FMD. Specifically, DCHS and FMD analyzed whether a hygiene center model similar to the Jefferson Day Center should be placed at the Aurora location. Upon review of the site and the local needs, it was determined that the greatest need in this neighborhood is for shelter and wrap-around services, including help securing permanent housing and accessing medical, mental health, and substance abuse treatment, for people experiencing homelessness. This is because there is a low density of support services in the area that might otherwise attract individuals who need only need a hygiene center. Therefore, instead of utilizing this space as a hygiene center, FMD, in partnership with DCHS, recommends that the site be utilized as shelter and to provide services for some of the over 11,000 people experiencing homelessness on any given day in King County, in alignment with current need for emergency shelters in King County.

FMD and DCHS, working in partnership with the city of Seattle, have developed a plan to utilize the Aurora site for a Micro Modular Enhanced Shelter, a location that provides pre-fabricated, modular, small, individual shelters and supportive services for 55 residents. FMD and DCHS are working with partners at the city of Seattle to negotiate an agreement for long

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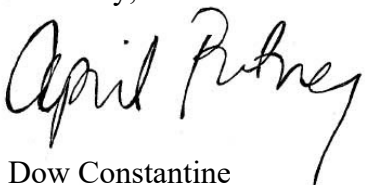
term use of this site. Negotiations are ongoing and anticipated to be completed by the end of August 2022.

Should it be necessary to return the Aurora site to an isolation and quarantine site, healthy occupants could be relocated to convert the site to an isolation and quarantine facility. Notably, due to relatively stable COVID-19 hospitalization and death rates, King County transitioned away from the around-the-clock comprehensive care coordination that was being provided to a more traditional model of I&Q in which Public Health – Seattle & King County is continuing to provide care through a new mobile I&Q team, as well as designated lodging throughout the County.

This report furthers the King County Strategic Plan goals of health and human services and accessible, affordable housing. It is estimated that this report required 25 staff hours to produce, costing approximately \$2,500.

Thank you for your consideration of this report and proposed Motion. If your staff have any questions, please contact Anthony Wright, Director, Facilities Management Division at 206-477-9352.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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