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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:

As required by Motion 12566, please find enclosed the Homeless Housing and Services Fund (HHSF) Informational Update for 2019-2020.

The HHSF provides operations, rental assistance, and supportive services funding for permanent housing for homeless households with high needs. This informational update includes demographics and system performance data from HHSF-funded projects during the 2019-2020 reporting period.

King County's HHSF was originally created following the passage of the state's Homeless Housing and Assistance Act of 2005. The bill authorized a dedicated revenue source to support state and local plans to end homelessness. In King County, this generated approximately \$11 million for the 2019-2020 biennium for housing stability and support services linked to permanent housing.

Over the reporting period, 56 HHSF-funded projects served a total of 4,423 formerly homeless persons. These homeless households include families, single adults, youth and young adults, veterans and veteran households. Reflecting shared regional priorities, HHSF funding has increasingly focused on chronically homeless households and projects that provide permanent supportive housing. HHSF investments support the connection of people experiencing homelessness to affordable housing with targeted supportive services to meet their specific needs, including case management and linkages to physical health and behavioral health care.

This work furthers the goal of the King County Strategic Plan of accessible, affordable housing by supporting services to reduce homelessness, expanding the supply and funding of affordable housing, and increasing housing stability for low-income residents. It also aligns with the King County Equity and Social Justice Initiative and the County's pro-equity policy agenda to address housing affordability and homelessness.

The Honorable Chair Balducci

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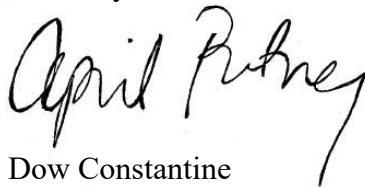
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It is estimated that the report required approximately 70 hours to produce, costing approximately \$5,250.

Thank you for your consideration of this report. I look forward to continuing to work with the Council and other partners to bring appropriate resources to scale for King County residents who are facing homelessness, while aligning the distribution of housing resources like the HHSF countywide.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Leo Flor, Director, King County Department of Community and Human Services, at 206-477-4384.

Sincerely,

 for

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers
ATTN: Janine Weihe, Acting Chief of Staff
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