

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

Richard F. McDermott
Presiding Judge

King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue, C-203
Seattle, Washington 98104-2381

April 27, 2012

Councilmember Larry Gossett
King County Council
516 Third Avenue, 12th Floor
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Councilmember Gossett:

On behalf of King County Superior Court, I am writing in support of Supplemental Ordinance 17176, enabling King County to complete needed remodel work at the Maleng Regional Justice Center (MRJC) for the King County District Court.

With this facility remodel, the county will effectively address District Court's needs. The move obviously allowed the sale of the Aukeen facility by collocating District Court's southeast court matters with Superior Court at the MRJC.

Superior Court supports this project and the District Court's relocation to the Maleng Regional Justice Center.

A primary area of concern for Superior Court has been the significant increase in visitors to the MRJC which will occur once the collocation is implemented. In order to address this, Superior Court has worked closely with the King County Sheriff's Office, District Court, Facilities Management Division, and Councilmember Lambert to design a security screening area anticipated to accommodate the significant added volume of court customers visiting the building while maintaining the safety of the public, judges and court employees. We are pleased with this review process and appreciate the modifications made to address our security concerns.

I am certain there will be other issues which will arise as the move is completed and operation begins. I anticipate that those will be dealt with in the same fashion as what is described above.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



Richard F. McDermott
Presiding Judge King County Superior Court

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