



August 13, 2025

Sent Via Email

King County Executive Shannon Braddock
401 Fifth Ave, Suite 800
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Executive Braddock,

I am writing this letter to express the City of Seattle's conditional support of King County's intent to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the property located at 1145 Broadway Avenue in Seattle, with the goal of locating the Central Zone Crisis Care Center at this site. This support is contingent on King County and your selected provider implementing the specific requirements listed below.

Seattle, along with other cities in the County, is facing an unprecedented behavioral health crisis. Too many residents are struggling with behavioral issues without adequate support. When the Seattle clinic opens it will provide same-day access to care for a person in crisis, which will help reduce the crisis we see on our streets every day.

Executive Braddock, the City of Seattle's support to site a Crisis Care Center at this location is contingent on King County's commitment to and implementation of the following specific requirements:

1. King County and the selected operator will partner with the Seattle Police Department (SPD) to complete an internal and external security assessment based on Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles and implement the resulting recommendations to help prevent crime and disorder. The City must review and agree that the recommendations have been successfully implemented.
2. King County and the selected operator will implement a strong launch, and ongoing safe operations plan for the building and the surrounding exterior spaces, including public sidewalks and other publicly accessible spaces. This plan should include a definition of roles and responsibilities for building security, provider staff, clients, and visitors. It should include early and consistent activation of the building's publicly accessible spaces and adjacent public spaces, including parking lots, a schedule of daily exterior cleaning and removal of trash from both the building's property and the immediately adjacent sidewalks and curb spaces, a cadence for scheduled communications with adjacent businesses, residents, and community groups, and what levels of private security staffing will be provided on a 24-hour, seven days-a-week basis. The City must review and approve this plan before implementation and be given the ability to review the effectiveness of the plan in maintaining a safe and disorder-free area adjacent to the building on a quarterly basis following the opening of the Clinic.
3. King County and the provider must enter into a Good Neighbor Agreement with the City that details roles and responsibilities, includes as part of the Agreement the above safety assessment and the launch and ongoing safe operations plan, obligates the provider to meet certain safety and disorder standards to be negotiated with the provider, and provides the name and contact

details of a provider staff member who will be the primary contact for community members who have complaints or concerns about safety and disorder issues. The agreement will set forth the protocols and process to proactively manage relationships with the adjacent community, ensuring the safety of everyone in the neighborhood. The City, King County, and the provider must execute this Good Neighbor Agreement before the Crisis Care Center can open.

4. King County and the provider shall engage in community outreach and education within a one-half mile radius of the building to explain the mission of the Crisis Care Center and detail the safety and disorder measures that will be implemented. City representatives must be invited to participate in this outreach and education effort. Following this outreach and education effort, which must be completed at least 60 days prior to the opening of the Center, the City will appoint a six-person community advisory group to work with King County, the provider, and the City during the first year of the Center's operation. The advisory group will represent the interests of the surrounding community, work to alleviate safety and disorder concerns, and help the Center to achieve its mission.

The above four requirements are intended to signal conditional support from the City in the opening of the Crisis Care Center at the Broadway location. Our intention is also to signal the City's commitment to the revitalization of this neighborhood and our goals for continued economic development and public safety improvements in Capitol Hill. We have heard many of the concerns of residents, small business owners, and health advocates who have questioned the decision to site the center in an area that has seen a rise in illicit drug activity and associated violence, and we are encouraging greater transparency and engagement with the community in the County's decision-making, including providing the reasoning and record of what other sites were considered and why they were or were not appropriate.

Regarding the conditions set forth above, the City and County followed a very similar process earlier this year when DESC successfully opened the STAR Center at Third Avenue and Cherry Street downtown. Both of these facilities should help save lives and treat those in need but also align with Seattle's need to improve the existing conditions being experienced by neighboring residents and small businesses.

As demonstrated by the overwhelming support of Seattle voters when the Crisis Care ballot measure was approved, I believe we need more behavioral health facilities to help people in crisis stabilize and receive the care and services they need. We will join with you in supporting a new facility in Seattle once it can be opened and operated safely without negative impact on the surrounding community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Bruce A. Harrell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bruce A. Harrell

Mayor of Seattle