

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

Michael J. Trickey
Presiding Judge

516 Third Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

August 28, 2006

Larry Phillips
Chair, King County Metropolitan Council
516 Third Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Councilmember Phillips:

The Superior Court is pleased to join Executive Ron Sims in providing you with the targeted Children and Family Operational Master Plan. The plan reflects months of hard work by many organizations and agencies, along with members of our bench and court staff. All want to make sure that the needs of children and families in King County are best served by our Court.

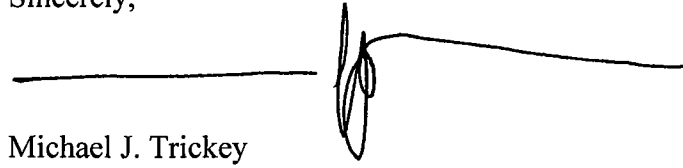
The Court has worked collaboratively with many others in this process. We will continue to do so in the next phase and in the coming years. However, it is important to note that the Court retains control of its operations. The Court will proceed with a more intense internal review of the recommendations that impact case processing.

Several of the recommendations address space needs. The Executive's Facilities Management Division is simultaneously transmitting a proposal for a Facility Master Plan, to determine how to implement those space related recommendations.

A special note of thanks is owed to the Children and Family Operational Master Plan co-chair Maura Brueger; the Executive's budget staff; the county council staff; and Councilmembers Kathy Lambert and Larry Gossett, for their tireless efforts in participating in the numerous meetings and reviewing numerous drafts of the reports prepared by the Children and Family Operational Master Plan consultants, Policy Studies, Inc. The spirit of cooperation is, we believe, evident in the resulting Operational Master Plan.

Please contact me should you have any questions regarding this Operational Master Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a long horizontal line that curves upwards into a stylized, looped flourish.

Michael J. Trickey
Presiding Judge

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CC: Executive Ron Sims