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July 31, 2026

The Honorable Sarah Perry
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Perry:

In accordance with Motion 16970, this letter transmits a King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) Contract Transition Plan, as well as a report responding to the requests in Motion 16970 and a motion accepting the report.

On July 1, 2026, Seattle Mayor Wilson and I announced our plan to stabilize, right-size, and reset the KCRHA. This announcement followed a forensic evaluation released in April 2026 that identified significant concerns related to KCRHA's financial management, governance structure, and internal controls.

Since our announcement, my office and the Department of Community and Human Services have worked in coordination with the Mayor's Office and the City's Human Services Department to prepare to bring locally funded, emergency homelessness response contracts back to the County and City beginning in January 2027. In preparing this KCRHA Contract Transition Plan, we have engaged with the City of Seattle, KCRHA's leadership, KCRHA Governing Board members, homeless services providers, and labor.

This transmittal also includes responses to other questions the Council posed in Motion 16970. Notably, I am not making a recommendation at this time on the long-term future of KCRHA and whether to continue, amend, or terminate the County's participation in the Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement. Mayor Wilson and I believe that decisions and considerations for the future of regional homeless service delivery must be informed by broad partnership with stakeholders through Regional Reset Conversations. We plan to convene Regional Reset Conversations, in partnership with the KCRHA Governing Board, later this year, as discussed in the Contract Transition Plan. Any recommendation on KCRHA's future will follow from what we

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learn through these conversations. Consistent with this approach and my public statements, I respectfully request that the King County Council not take action at this time to dissolve KCRHA.

I look forward to councilmembers' collaboration and participation in the Regional Reset Conversations and thank you for your consideration of this report and proposed motion.

If your staff have questions, please contact Hyeok Kim, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Executive, at 206-532-0773.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Zahilay', with a stylized, cursive script.

Girmay Zahilay

King County Executive

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