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

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

As called for by Ordinance 19546, Section 54, Proviso P3, as amended by Ordinance 19633, Section 44, Proviso P3, this letter transmits a report on programming for adults in detention, as well as a proposed Motion that, if enacted, would acknowledge receipt of the report.

As required, the enclosed report includes a description of programming at King County adult detention facilities at the time of the report, along with information on frequency, capacity, eligibility, and cost of each program where known. The report also reviews actions the department is taking to rebuild and expand programming following the COVID-19 pandemic, including pending new contracts and technology, as well as constraints in staffing and space that impact programming expansion. In some cases, DAJD is unable to provide specific information requested by the Proviso due to resource constraints and the availability of data. These instances are discussed in the report.

The enclosed report highlights progress that DAJD is making toward facilitating increased programming capacity for adults in detention, including the recent award of a federal grant in support of general education development, and the pending implementation of resident tablets at both the King County Correctional Facility and the Maleng Regional Justice Center. DAJD is striving to build support capacity for programs that are innovative, effective, and culturally sensitive, while continuing to face an unprecedented staffing crisis that impacts services in both facilities.

Thank you for your consideration of this report and proposed Motion.


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If your staff have questions, please contact Diana Joy, Chief of Administration, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention at 206-263-2769.

Sincerely,

 for

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Enclosure

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