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

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits the After-Action Report (AAR) for the November 2024 Windstorm (“Bomb Cyclone”) as called for by Motion 16711. The AAR includes a summary of the event, an analysis of capabilities and gaps, strengths and areas for improvement, an assessment of legal and policy barriers to disaster recovery support, and proposed updates to King County emergency plans. No changes to King County Code were identified as being needed.

This AAR is written to meet or exceed the requirements of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program, which is a set of fundamental principles for program management of evaluation and improvement planning for exercises and real-world events.

This AAR is also written to meet or exceed the relevant elements of the *Emergency Management Standard* by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP). This will help ensure that the County’s current EMAP accreditation remains intact and that King County can successfully pass reaccreditation in 2027.

If your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Brendan McCluskey, Director, King County Office of Emergency Management, at 206-205-4060.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Braddock', written over a horizontal line.

for

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, King County Council

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