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

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

As called for by Ordinance 19276, this letter transmits a fireworks enforcement study report that evaluates options for responding to reported fireworks violations, provides an estimated cost of each option, and recommends an approach to King County for fireworks violations enforcement. Concurrent with this transmittal, proposed legislation is transmitted which would make the necessary King County Code changes to implement report recommendations.

Ordinance 19276 prohibited the retail sale, use, discharge and display of fireworks in unincorporated King County without a permit and instated the requirement for a permit to give a public display of fireworks. The recommended approach identified in the report is a nonimmediate response by code enforcement officers from the Department of Local Services (DLS) Permitting Division.

In developing this report, DLS met with nine community groups across King County to engage in question-and-answer sessions on the fireworks ban and potential enforcement measures. DLS also met with representatives from the fire districts within unincorporated King County to vet enforcement options. A specific goal of the public engagement process was to gain a better understanding of community perspectives and concerns, particularly communities of color, with the aim of reducing disproportionate representation of black, indigenous, and people of color in the criminal legal system.

This report supports the efficient, accountable regional and local government goal of the King County Strategic Plan. It also reflects the vision of King County's Strategic Plan, where King County is a place all people have equitable opportunities to thrive.

It is estimated that this report required 140 hours by DLS staff to produce, costing approximately \$12,600.

The Honorable Claudia Balducci

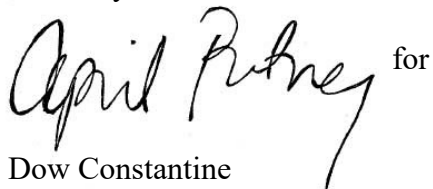
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Thank you for your consideration of this report. The important work discussed in the report will help promote a safe environment for King County residents through just, equitable enforcement of the County's fireworks codes.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Jim Chan, Director, Department of Local Services Permitting Division at 206-477-0385.

Sincerely,

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Dow Constantine
King County Executive

Enclosure

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