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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:

I am pleased to transmit for the King County Council's consideration a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, confirm Lorraine Patterson-Harris as County Administrative Officer and Director of the Department of Executive Services (DES) in accordance with King County Code 2.16.110. The enclosed materials comprise the full set of confirmation documents as established by code and practice.

Ms. Patterson-Harris most recently served as the Chief Administrative Officer for the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP). For the last eight years, she has been a champion for DNRP, leading continuous improvement work, implementing technology systems, managing the "Green Where We Work" initiative for DNRP's post-pandemic operations, and overseeing leadership development efforts centered around equity, competencies, and King County values.

Prior to serving as Chief Administrative Officer, Ms. Patterson-Harris was the Human Resources Director for the City of Kent. Her previous leadership roles with King County include the Director of the Records and Licensing Services Division, Deputy Director of the Wastewater Treatment Division, and Human Resources Service Delivery Manager for the Department of Transportation. Prior to her public career, she worked as an employment and labor law attorney for a local firm.

Ms. Patterson's experience and background make her an excellent candidate to serve as County Administrative Officer and lead the Department of Executive Services, an agency made up of a wide range of divisions and agencies dedicated to serving both King County employees and the public.

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It is, therefore, my great pleasure to request the confirmation of Lorraine Patterson-Harris as County Administrative Officer and DES Director. Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion.

If your staff have questions, please contact Dwight Dively, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Executive, at 206-263-9687.

Sincerely,

 for

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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