

KING COUNTY
PUBLIC DEFENSE ADVISORY BOARD

March 25, 2015

Anne Noris, Clerk
Metropolitan King County Council
King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104t

Dear Ms. Noris:

In accordance with King County Code §2.60.031(H), I am pleased to enclose the King County Public Defense Advisory Board's first report on the state of King County public defense.

This report describes the extraordinary breadth of services provided to King County citizens by attorneys and staff of the Department of Public Defense. It discusses important organizational, workforce, infrastructure and other issues being addressed by the newly-created Department as it integrates the personnel and responsibilities previously performed by four independent agencies. The report includes an assessment of the progress of the county in promoting equity and social justice related to the criminal justice system and makes recommendations for improving the delivery of public defense services and enhancing equity and social justice.

Please provide copies of this report to members of the King County Council. Members of the Advisory Board look forward to meeting with the Council at 9:30 a.m. on April 1, 2015 to discuss the report.

Very truly yours,



Marc A. Boman, Chair
King County Public Defense Advisory Board