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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:

This letter transmits a proposed motion, that if approved, would accept the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator (Operator) articles of incorporation and proposed bylaws to provide policies and rules for the conduct of meetings, proceedings and business for the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network Operator Board of Directors (Board). The Operator will run the new PSERN system once the PSERN Project is substantially complete. The proposed bylaws and articles of incorporation fulfill the requirements of a previous agreement and Ordinance 18074.

The PSERN system will serve all of King County and provide communications for nearly 18,000 radios, approximately 200 agencies, and 19 dispatch centers that handle all E-911 response communications throughout the county. Funding for the PSERN Project was approved by King County voters in April 2015 for the purpose of upgrading and expanding the King County Emergency Radio Communications System (KCERCS). Once the PSERN Project is complete, the new network will provide a reliable, private, and locally owned system for all emergency response communications throughout King County, including E-911, and other government operations under management of the Operator.

Ownership of the Operator was established through the Implementation Period ILA, King County Ordinance 18075. It was completed through the PSERN Operator Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (Operator ILA), Ordinance 19165, and is comprised of 12 partners: King County and the cities of Auburn, Bellevue, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kent, Kirkland, Mercer Island, Redmond, Renton, Seattle, and Tukwila.

The Operator ILA calls for the Board to be comprised of six members with four being voting members and two being non-voting members, as follows:

Voting members:

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- One mayor or city manager or designee representing the Cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Mercer Island, and Redmond (the “EPSCA Cities”).
- The King County Executive, or a designee of the Executive approved by the King County Council.
- The City of Seattle Mayor, or his/her designee.
- One mayor or city manager or designee representing the Cities of Auburn, Federal Way, Kent, Renton, and Tukwila (the “Valley Com Cities”).

Non-voting members:

- One member selected jointly by the King County Fire Commissioners Association and the King County Fire Chiefs Association.
- One member shall be appointed by the King County Police Chiefs Association.

The PSERN Project team continues to perform outreach, provide ongoing informational communications. The team has conducted meetings with the nearly 200 agencies throughout King County who will use the new system.

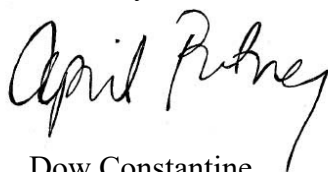
The proposed motion advances the King County Strategic Plan goal of Safety and Justice by enhancing public safety through provision of a reliable and improved emergency communications system.

Preparation of this transmittal package required approximately eight staff and outside attorney hours, costing \$1,950.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed motion. Approval of this proposed motion will meet the requirements of a previous local agreement and provide the oversight and governance of the new life-safety PSERN system supporting E-911 and other important countywide government services.

If your staff have questions, please contact Kimberly Nuber, Deputy Division Director, Emergency Radio Communications Division, Department of Information Technology, at knuber@kingcounty.gov or (206) 263-5865.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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