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The Honorable Girmay Zahiray
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Zahiray:

As called for by Ordinance 19861, Section 52, P1, item B, this letter is an update on progress on the plan to address the needs of vulnerable jail residents transitioning from prerelease to postrelease services.

The upcoming report will include an overview of Jail Health Services' Coordinated Discharge process. The report will illustrate how certain populations are identified by this process and how JHS is developing ways to serve even more vulnerable, incarcerated patients. A timeline and overview of needed resources needed, including the role of a potential Reentry Demonstration Initiative/Medicaid 1115 waiver, will be included. The report will specifically include:

- Consideration of how transitional and postrelease services could be expanded to serve jail residents who may experience homelessness, live with disabilities or physical/mental illness, have experienced domestic violence, require violence interruption services, or belong to other vulnerable populations.
- An overview of the timeframe and resources needed to implement such an expansion.

Progress has been made to develop the report. A preliminary review of the Proviso's requirements and guidelines has been completed. An outline of the report has been developed. All relevant internal departments have been engaged for input.

Due to unforeseen staffing circumstances impacting essential content of the report, the department anticipates transmittal of the report by March 31, 2026.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. If your staff have questions, please contact Danotra McBride, Jail Health Services Division Director, at 206-236-4164.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Braddock', with a stylized flourish at the end.

for

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cc: King County Councilmembers
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