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January 27, 2021

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

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

I am pleased to transmit the attached ordinance approving the 2021 alterations to voting precincts. The law requires that annual precinct adjustments be presented to the Council for adoption and to the County Executive for approval prior to the statutory deadline of May 3, 2021.

These alterations are proposed pursuant to state law and King County Code (RCW 29A.16.040-050 and KCC 1.12.010), which require the adjustment or alteration of precincts as an ongoing responsibility for the following reasons:

- To adjust precinct boundaries to comply with recent city annexation activity,
- To balance precincts to maintain voter population within the limits prescribed by state law and King County Code, and
- To ease election administration.

Precinct alterations for the year 2021 are the result of boundary changes due to precinct balancing, and to accommodate recent city annexations. This year the precinct alteration process included input and review by both major political parties in King County and a 10-day public review period. The cost of making the precinct revisions is fully funded as part of the adopted Department of Elections budget.

If approved, the proposed ordinance will authorize the precinct boundary alterations described in the attachment to the ordinance. The ordinance and attachments then become an amendment to the official list of county voting precincts.

I recommend Council approval of this ordinance.

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If you have any questions regarding the proposed alterations, please give me a call at (206) 477-4140.

Sincerely,



Julie Wise, Director

Enclosures

cc: King County Council Members
ATTN: Carolyn Busch, Chief of Staff
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Dow Constantine, King County Executive, Executive Office
Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget