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Council Member Larry Gossett King County Council 516 Third Avenue, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Council Member Gossett:

The King County Sheriff's Office is in support of Supplemental Ordinance 17176 and the security improvements planned for the Norm Maleng Regional Justice Center.

Moving District Court into the NMRJC is expected to improve county residents' access to court services and significantly increase the number of visitors to the facility once the co-location is completed.

King County Facilities Management Division worked closely with NMRJC tenants and our staff to develop an effective security design that addresses the higher visitor volumes without compromising established security standards. The successful collaborative effort involved building representatives from Superior Court, District Court, Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Facilities Management, and many others, resulting in a design that meets the majority of stakeholders needs and expectations.

KCSO appreciates the collaboration with FMD, the NMRJC tenants, and the Council on the NMRJC project and we look forward to continuing our trusted partnership in the future.

Sincerely,

Steve Strachan

King County Sheriff