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April 2, 2026

The Honorable Sarah Perry
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Perry:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that would, if adopted, amend King County Code to reorganize the Executive Office to support our new administration to best serve the people of King County.

The proposed Ordinance would restructure the former standalone offices of the Executive Department into one unified Executive Office that will support advancing and delivering on my policy priorities, also known as the Four B's for a Better Future: breaking the cycle that drives homelessness and addiction, building more housing and infrastructure, being in community, and better government through accountability and effective service.

The proposed Ordinance would consolidate in the King County Code the Office of Climate, the Office of Economic Opportunity and Creative Economy, the Office of Equity, Racial, and Social Justice, the Office of Labor Relations, and the Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget into the Executive's Office. The primary functions and duties of these offices would continue in the Executive Office and/or directly in departments. This restructuring will break down silos and reduce administrative overhead costs, while improving collaboration and coordination across the Executive Office and throughout the executive branch.

The 2026-2027 First Omnibus Ordinance, which transmits on April 2nd, will include proposed changes to Ordinance 20023, which adopted the 2026-2027 Budget, to reflect the reorganization.

If your staff have any questions please contact Karan Gill, Deputy Executive, at 206-477-0952.

The Honorable Sarah Perry

March 19, 2026

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Zahilay', written in a cursive style.

Girmay Zahilay

King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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