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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 the Basic Income Pilot Program Feasibility Study and Report in response to Ordinance 19307, Section 7, Proviso P3, which directed the Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget (PSB) to develop a report on a potential basic income pilot program in King County, as well as a proposed Motion that if approved, would acknowledge receipt of the report.

As required, the enclosed report includes a summary of the various types of basic income pilot programs currently underway in the United States, as well as a recommendation on the feasibility of launching a pilot program in King County. While research shows that recurrent cash transfers are an effective anti-poverty measure that can begin to address income inequality, PSB does not recommend pursuing a basic income pilot at this time because it is not financially feasible within current revenues.

The work outlined in this report furthers the King County Strategic Plan health and human services goal to improve the health and wellbeing of all people in our community.

It is estimated that this report required 100 staff hours to produce, costing \$8,780.

Thank you for your review of this report. If your staff have any questions, please contact Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, at 206-263-9687.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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