



King County

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**The Honorable Matthew York
Chief Presiding Judge**

**Othniel Palomino
Chief Administrative Officer**

March 8, 2022

Claudia Balducci
Chair, King County Council
516 Third Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Council Chair Balducci,

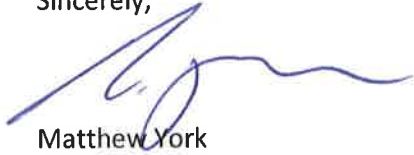
Thank you for convening the District Court districting committee on March 7, 2022. In compliance with RCW 3.38.040, I am submitting the amendments to the District Court district map the committee approved. They expand the Southeast district to include the portion of the City of Pacific located in Pierce County. Also enclosed is legislation that describes the electoral districts by precinct, as required by King County Code 1.12.010F. The RCW requires County Council action by May 1st so that the change may go into effect prior to the filing deadline for the 2022 elections when all District Court judicial seats will be on the ballot.

District Court began providing court services to Pacific on January 1, 2022. When the Court signed the interlocal agreement to provide court services to Pacific last year, the City requested the district boundary change so that all of its residents would be able to vote for the District Court judges who serve them. I am pleased we are well on our way to meeting this request. Public support for the courts relies on access to them, including voting on who serves as judges in their communities.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I also thank the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for their support and advice through this process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Janine Joly of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew York', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Matthew York
Presiding Judge
King County District Court

Enclosures

Cc: King County Council Members
ATTN: Janine Weihe, Acting Chief of Staff
Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council
Janine Joly, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
T. Shane Harrison, King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office
Julie Wise, King County Department of Elections Director