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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:

As called for by Ordinance 19307, Section 31, Proviso P5, this letter transmits a report on the City of Seattle's utilization of secure detention for misdemeanants. This report covers the time period of January 1, 2021 through February 28, 2022.

The City of Seattle contracts with King County for the incarceration of persons charged or convicted of misdemeanor crimes. A provision of the contract requires the City of Seattle to pay for a minimum number of persons per day, regardless of actual use. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic response by both the City of Seattle and King County, the City's use of secure detention beds is significantly below the contracted minimum use called for in the contract.

The City of Seattle and King County have jointly agreed to maintain the minimum use level as called for in the contract and to shift \$8,000,000 of the payments to the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) to invest in community-based supports that promote health and housing for communities that are disproportionately affected by incarceration.

As required by Ordinance 19307, the attached report shows the actual use of secure detention beds by the City of Seattle and the revenue associated with that use. This is compared to the contract minimum use and revenue. The report demonstrates that the transfer of revenues from the Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD) to DCHS is fully supported by the revenues received from January 2021 through February of 2022, and that the annual transfer amount is projected to be fully supported through 2022 as well.

This report supports the efficient, accountable regional and local government goal of the King County Strategic Plan.

It is estimated that the report required 30 hours by DAJD staff to produce, costing approximately \$3,000.

The Honorable Claudia Balducci

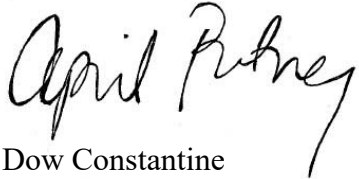
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Thank you for your consideration of this report. The combined actions of the City of Seattle and King County will help us progress on the path of reduced use of incarceration, and better outcomes for our community.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Steven Larsen, Chief of Administration, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, at 206-477-2339.

Sincerely,

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Dow Constantine  
King County Executive

Enclosure

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