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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 a proposed Ordinance that, if enacted, will provide budget authority of \$9,006,655 for costs associated with two lease agreements for the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS), for sites adjoining the South Downtown (Sodo) Enhanced Shelter.

Concurrent with this transmittal, proposed legislation has been transmitted for approval of the two leases. Approval of these leases will enable King County to provide shelter, supportive services, and crisis behavioral health services with a focus on serving people living unhoused in and around downtown Seattle.

Funding for this proposed budget authority increase consists of \$5 million from the City of Seattle and \$4 million from DCHS grant funds.

This proposed legislation supports the King County Strategic Plan goal of health and human services by improving the health and wellbeing of all people in our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

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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