



March 31, 2022

The Honorable Claudia Balducci Chair, King County Council Room 1200 COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

I am pleased to transmit to you the King County Elections 2021 Annual Report. This report includes information about the previous year's elections and accomplishments, and is responsive to KCC 2.18.100, which requires that the Director of Elections submit a report by March 31st of each year.

This past year was once again a challenging and extraordinary one for election administrators. We continue to see rampant mis- and disinformation, sustained mistrust of our systems and results, and unprecedented levels of scrutiny of our processes. Throughout all this, I am so proud of this team and all we have been able to accomplish. In addition to conducting and reconciling five elections, we have increased transparency, expanded our education efforts to include important topics like the importance of your signature and rights restoration, and piloted new tools and strategies, like risk limiting audits to ensure we continue to lead the country in elections.

As always, I am so grateful for the council's partnership in everything we do. I hope you find this information helpful and please don't hesitate to let me know if you have questions or recommendations for the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Julie Wise

**Elections Director** 

**Enclosures** 

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Janine Weihe, Chief of Staff

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council