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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 19210 and Ordinance 19307, I am pleased to transmit the second report on the strategic planning effort to close the youth detention facility at the Judge Patricia H. Clark Children and Family Justice Center (CFJC) by 2025 and repurpose it for other community-identified uses. Also included is a proposed Motion that, if passed, would approve the report.

The enclosed report updates our current and planned work on this project outlined in the first Proviso report submitted to Council on September 30, 2021. The enclosed report details the multifaceted approach for engaging interested parties and the creation of the project's Advisory Committee, which is comprised of community organizations, impacted young people and family members, and systems partners that advise the County on an array of project-related matters. The report highlights the completion of action items detailed in the September 30, 2021 report, including identification of the W. Haywood Burns Institute (Burns Institute) as the initial project consultant to provide early project support.

The report outlines that the Advisory Committee will be supported by subcommittees that expand the number and diversity of perspectives for the strategic planning project. Project staff, in partnership with the Burns Institute and local community organizations, will design and host engagement activities such as listening sessions, focus groups, and interviews for impacted populations. These activities are intentionally structured to ensure the experiences and solutions of those most impacted by the youth legal system are centered in the process and recommendations.

Notably, our approach to this vital work has progressed and evolved since the September 2021 report was submitted. It is clear that closing the County's youth detention facility requires a holistic continuum of community-based alternatives to address the complex needs of young people who would otherwise be in detention. Based on feedback from community and input

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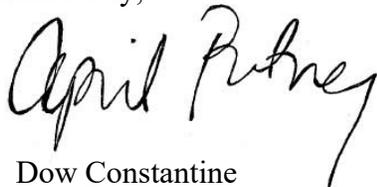
from interdepartmental staff, management of this strategic planning project is planned to shift to the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) to enable a holistic continuum of community-based alternatives and services for youth and their families. DCHS will lead the strategic planning effort and DAJD will remain a closely involved partner, continuing to bring its expertise and knowledge to the strategic planning work.

Determining the future of secure juvenile detention at the Children and Family Justice Center requires ongoing, robust, and authentic community engagement that centers young people and families with lived experience in the criminal legal system. This report furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government. It is estimated that this report required approximately 200 staff hours to produce, costing approximately \$12,000.

Together, we are moving forward the critical actions needed to eliminate secure detention for young people in King County. This work aligns with and builds on a series of efforts we have created to reimagine elements of the criminal legal system while centering equity and rebuilding public trust. Ultimately, ending secure youth detention in King County will take all of us working together to get the very best outcomes for our young people.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Allen Nance, Director, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, at 206-263-3669 and Leo Flor, Director, Department of Community and Human Services at 206-477-4384.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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