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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:

On April 9, 2022, I appointed David Mendel to serve as the acting director/chief information officer (CIO) of the Department of Information Technology (KCIT), effective April 30, 2022. Mr. Mendel joined King County in 2005 and most recently served as director of KCIT's Emergency Radio Communications Division. Mr. Mendel previously served as KCIT's Regional Communication Services manager and he served 22 years in the U.S. Navy. His background and recognized leadership skills make him uniquely qualified to serve in this acting capacity.

I am grateful for the continued leadership of Mr. Mendel. The attached proposed Motion would, if enacted, approve the extension of my appointment of David Mendel as acting director/CIO through November 26, 2022, as called for by King County Code 2.16.110(E).

This position is subject to confirmation by the King County Council. To fill the vacancy the position will be posted on August 23, 2022 and will be advertised nationally through various organizations and recruiting forums. The posting is scheduled to close on September 20, 2022. The recruitment is expected to conclude by late November of this year.

The work to recruit a new director supports the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion.

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If your staff have questions regarding this matter, please contact Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, at 206-263-9687.

Sincerely,

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David Mendel, Acting Director/CIO, Department of Information Technology