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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, would enable the Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD) to use a standard template for cities seeking jail services from King County in 2023-2024. This proposed legislation is substantially similar to the 2021-2022 Interlocal Agreement template approved by the King County Council via Ordinance 19219 on December 15, 2020.

DAJD currently contracts with 28 King County cities and the Port of Seattle for jail services at our County facilities. Each of these contracts expire at the end of the 2022. Attachment A to the proposed Ordinance provides a draft standard template substantially similar to the agreements that expire this year. The revised template updates the term of the agreement to January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

DAJD is proposing two-year contracts with our partner agencies beginning January 2023. This timeframe enables DAJD to explore potential changes to jail service agreements based on the County's goals of investing in new approaches within the criminal legal system that allow for divesting in other areas.

This proposed legislation aligns with the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government and its objective to deliver consistent, responsive, equitable, high-quality services to residents, cities, and districts.

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Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. If your staff have any questions, please contact Steve Larsen, Chief of Administration, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, at 206-477-2339.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

Enclosure

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