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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 May 9, 2022, I appointed Quanetta West to serve as the acting director of the Juvenile Division within the King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD), effective June 25, 2022. Ms. West joined King County in 2020 and most recently served as deputy director of the Juvenile Division. Ms. West previously served as a division director at Catholic Charities Housing Services and as Director of Probation at the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services. Her background and recognized leadership skills make her uniquely qualified to serve in this acting capacity.

I am grateful for the continued successful leadership of Mrs. West. The attached proposed Motion would, if enacted, approve the extension of my appointment of Quanetta West as acting director of the Juvenile Division through January 21, 2023, as called for by King County Code (K.C.C.) 2.16.110(E).

The position of Juvenile Division director is subject to confirmation by the King County Council, per K.C.C 2.16.110(E). In order to fill the vacancy, the recruitment will include a competitive search process and per K.C.C. 2.16.110(A), will include participation by the superior court judges. The recruitment will begin later this summer, pending King County Council action on my appointment of Allen Nance as director of the Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention.


The work to recruit the Juvenile Division 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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