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The Honorable Dave Upthegrove  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

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. The attached proposed Motion would, if enacted, approve the extension of my appointment of Quanetta West as acting director of the Juvenile Division through July 21, 2023, as called for by King County Code (KCC) 2.16.110(E).

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 Ms. West.

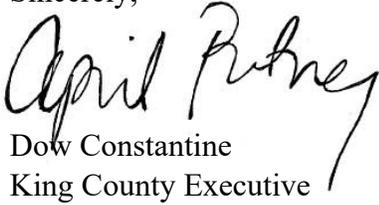
The position of Juvenile Division director is subject to confirmation by the King County Council per KCC 2.16.110(E). To fill the vacancy, DAJD contracted with Motus, an experienced executive search firm, to run the recruitment. The job announcement opened on February 14, 2023. Per KCC 2.16.110(A), King County Superior Court judges are participating in the recruitment process as candidates are interviewed. DAJD anticipates having the first round of interviews scheduled by early April. With three rounds of interviews and the time needed to complete hiring, the recruitment is expected to be completed by early June.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion.

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

Sincerely,

 for  
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King County Executive

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Quanetta West, Acting Director, Juvenile Division, DAJD