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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:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that, if enacted, will enable King County to renew its lease for the Department of Public Defense (DPD) with Jefferson House, LLC. for space located at 1401 East Jefferson Street, Seattle, Washington in Council District Two.

This facility houses the DPD Society of Counsel Representing Accused Persons Division (SCRAP); Associated Counsel for the Accused Division (ACA); Northwest Defenders Division (NDD) and The Defender Association (TDA). The divisions provide legal representation to adults and juveniles who have been charged with a crime and cannot afford an attorney, as well as people facing civil commitment, parents who could lose their children in a dependency action, and family members in inquest proceedings. Renewal of this lease supports the provision of King County operations and services.

This transaction is recommended per the rationale and considerations provided in the attached property summary. This is companion legislation to the Jefferson Building DPD tenant improvement appropriation Ordinance which is transmitted under separate cover.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance.

The Honorable Dave Upthegrove

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If your staff have questions, please contact Anthony Wright, Director, Facilities Management Division at 206-477-9352.

Sincerely,

 for

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