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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:

I am pleased to transmit the attached motion for the King County Council's consideration , which would, if enacted, confirm Kelly Rider as Director of the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) consistent with King County Code 2.16.110. A full set of confirmation documents will be submitted under separate cover.

I appointed Ms. Rider as DCHS Department Director, effective June 3, 2024. Ms. Rider joined King County in 2017 and most recently served as the Acting Director of the Department of Community and Human Services. Prior to serving as Acting Director, Ms. Rider was the DCHS Chief of Staff. During her tenure at King County, Ms. Rider has led efforts to grow a range of housing options across multiple jurisdictions; helped steward the adoption of the Best Starts for Kids, Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services, and the Crisis Care Centers levies; and advanced the County's state legislative priorities for behavioral health, affordable housing, and human services.

Prior to working at King County, Ms. Rider served as Policy & Government Relations Director at the Housing Development Consortium and served as staff to the Washington House of Representatives. Her demonstrated success advancing equitable access to human services through partnerships between services providers and state, county, and city governments makes her uniquely qualified for this role.

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Thank you for your consideration of this motion. If your staff have any questions, please contact Dwight Dively, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Executive, at 206-263-9687.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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Kelly Rider, Director Designee, Department of Community and Human Services