

July 23, 2012

The Honorable Larry Gossett Chair, King County Council Room 1200 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

## RE: Confirmation of David K. Chapman as King County Public Defender

Dear Councilmember Gossett:

I am writing in support of confirmation of Dave Chapman to the position of King County Public Defender. I have known Dave Chapman since my first year in law school, 1979. Dave was student body president, so early in his career showed an ability to work with people of differing views and get things done. Since then, we have crossed paths many times. Most notably, I worked with Dave in 2001 to approximately 2003 when I chaired the Jail Alternatives Committee while on the Seattle Municipal Court bench. Dave represented Associated Counsel for the Accused (ACA). The committee addressed many contentious issues. Dave always showed an impressive ability to advocate effectively for public defense while also appreciating the viewpoints of representatives of the city council, budget office, law enforcement, the jail, and many others. He undoubtedly will bring those impressive skills to the challenging tasks ahead for public defense.

I support Dave Chapman for this important public defense position. Thank you for considering my comments.

Very truly yours, Theresa Dovle Assistant Chief Criminal Judge

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July 25, 2012

The Honorable Larry Gossett Chair, King County Council 516 Third Avenue, Room 1200 Seattle, WA 98104

## RE: Confirmation of David K. Chapman as King County Public Defender

Dear Councilmember Gossett:

I am writing in support of your confirmation of David K. Chapman as the King County Executive's appointment to the position of King County Public Defender for the Department of Community and Human Services. As Director of the Washington State Office of Public Defense, I have worked with Dave over the past decade regarding various public defense matters. He is a forward-thinking, thoughtful, and diplomatic advocate.

Two years ago, Washington State OPD contracted with Dave to conduct a statewide study of Driving While License Suspended cases. He did an excellent job of conducting this complex study, and delivered a superior product that we were able to submit to the Legislature.

For these reasons, I support the Council's consideration for his confirmation.

Sincerely,

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c: King County Councilmembers

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