

**Master Labor Agreement (MLA) - Appendix 55**  
**Agreement Between King County**  
**And**  
**Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Council 2, Local 1652**  
**Medical Examiner - Department of Public Health**  
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1 covered by this Agreement and hired or assigned into the bargaining unit on or after its effective date  
2 shall, on the thirtieth (30th) day following the beginning of such employment, become and remain  
3 members in good standing in the Union or pay agency fee to the union to the extent required by law;  
4 provided, however, that nothing contained in this section shall require an employee to join the Union  
5 who can substantiate, that, through bona fide religious tenets or teachings, prohibits the payment of  
6 dues or initiation fees to union organizations, in which case the employee shall pay an amount of  
7 money equivalent to the regular union dues and initiation fee to a nonreligious charity or to another  
8 charitable organization mutually agreed upon by the employee affected and the bargaining  
9 representative to which the employee would otherwise pay the dues and initiation fee. The employee  
10 shall furnish written proof that such payments have been made.

11 **Section 3. Dues Deduction.** Upon receipt of written authorization individually signed by a  
12 bargaining unit employee, the County shall have deducted from the pay of such employee the amount  
13 of dues as certified by the secretary of the Union and shall transmit the same to the treasurer of the  
14 Union.

15 The Union will indemnify, defend and hold the County harmless against any claims made and  
16 against any suit instituted against the County on account of any check-off of dues for the Union. The  
17 Union agrees to refund to the County any amounts paid to it in error on account of the check-off  
18 provision upon presentation of proper evidence thereof.

19 **Section 4. Failure to Fulfill Obligations.** Failure by an employee to abide by the afore-  
20 referenced provisions shall constitute cause for discharge of such employee; provided, however, it  
21 shall be the responsibility of the Union to notify the Director of the Office of Labor Relations with a  
22 copy to the Department of Health (hereinafter "the Department"), in writing when it is seeking  
23 discharge of an employee for noncompliance with Section 2 of this Article. When an employee fails  
24 to fulfill the union security obligations set forth within this Article, the Union will forward a "Request  
25 for Discharge Letter" to the Public Health Human Resources Manager (with copies to the affected  
26 employee and the Office of Labor Relations). Accompanying the discharge letter will be a copy of  
27 the letter to the employee from the Union explaining the employee's obligation under this Article.

28 The contents of the "Request for Discharge Letter" shall specifically request the discharge of

1 the employee for failure to abide by Section 2 of this Article, but provide the employee and the  
2 County with thirty (30) calendar days' written notification of the Union's intent to initiate discharge  
3 action, during which time the employee may make restitution in the amount which is overdue. Upon  
4 receipt of the Union's request, the Public Health Human Resources Manager shall give notice in  
5 writing to the employee, with a copy to the Union and the DES, Human Resources Division, Labor  
6 Relations Section, that the employee faces discharge upon the request of the Union at the end of the  
7 thirty (30)-calendar day period noted in the Union's "Request for Discharge Letter" and that the  
8 employee has an opportunity before the end of said thirty (30)-calendar day period to present to the  
9 Public Health Human Resources Manager any information relevant to why the Public Health  
10 Department should not act upon the Union's written request for the employee's discharge.

11 In the event the employee has not yet fulfilled the obligation set forth within this Article  
12 within the thirty (30)-calendar day period noted in the "Request for Discharge Letter," the Union  
13 shall thereafter reaffirm in writing to the Public Health Human Resources Manager with copies to the  
14 affected employee and the Office of Labor Relations, its original written request for discharge of such  
15 employee. Unless sufficient legal explanation or reason is presented by the employee why discharge  
16 is not appropriate or unless the Union rescinds its request for the discharge the County shall, as soon  
17 as possible thereafter, effectuate the discharge of such employee. If the employee has fulfilled the  
18 union security obligation within the thirty (30)-calendar day period, the Union shall so notify the  
19 Public Health Human Resources Manager in writing, with a copy to the Office of Labor Relations  
20 and the affected employee. If the Union has reaffirmed its request for discharge, the Public Health  
21 Human Resources Manager shall notify the Union in writing, with a copy to the Director of the  
22 Office of Labor Relations and the affected employee, that the Department effectuated, or that the  
23 Department has not discharged the employee, setting forth the reasons why it has not done so.

### 24 **ARTICLE 3: RIGHTS OF MANAGEMENT**

25 **Section 1.** The management of the County and the direction of the work force are vested  
26 exclusively in the County subject to terms of this Agreement. All matters not specifically and  
27 expressly covered or treated by the language of this Agreement may be administered for its duration  
28 by the County in accordance with such policy or procedures as the County from time to time may

1 determine. The parties hereby recognize the County's and the Department's right to hire, appoint,  
2 promote, contract out non-bargaining unit work, discharge for just cause, improve efficiency, and  
3 determine work schedules and the location of Department facilities.

4 Further, the parties hereby recognize the County's and the Department's right to determine  
5 the methods, processes, and means of providing services, the right to increase or diminish operations,  
6 in whole or in part, the right to increase, diminish or change equipment, including the introduction of  
7 any and all new, improved, or automated methods or equipment, and the assignment of employees to  
8 specific jobs within the bargaining unit. The Union also recognizes the County's and the  
9 Department's right to establish and/or revise the Department's performance evaluation system. Such  
10 system may be used to determine acceptable performance levels, prepare work schedules, and to  
11 measure the performance of each employee or group of employees.

12 **Section 2. Just Cause Standard.** The parties agree the Just Cause Standard shall be defined  
13 pursuant to the MLA Article 27.

14 **Section 3. Safety.** No employee shall be directed to work in a manner that does not comply  
15 with state or federal law.

16 **ARTICLE 4: HOLIDAY LEAVE**

17 The parties agree paid holiday leave shall be provided pursuant to the MLA Article 10, except  
18 as provided below.

19 **Section 1. Holiday Premium.** Work performed on holidays shall be paid at one and one-  
20 half (1-1/2) times the regular rate in addition to the regular holiday pay.

21 **A.** Employees whose work shift starts on a holiday, but which ends on a non-holiday  
22 receive holiday premium pay only for the hours actually worked on the County designated holiday,  
23 plus their normal holiday pay. For example, if an employee's schedule is Tuesday through Saturday,  
24 they will receive 40 hours of regular pay plus eight (8) hours of holiday pay, for a total of forty-eight  
25 (48) hours.

26 **B.** Employees whose work shift does not start on a holiday, but which ends on a  
27 holiday shall receive holiday premium pay only for the hours actually worked on the County  
28 designated holiday.

1           **Section 2.** Employees attending a training seminar/assignment during a holiday shall be  
2 compensated at the straight time rate unless a higher rate is required by the Fair Labor Standards Act.

3 **ARTICLE 5: VACATION LEAVE**

4           The parties agree paid vacation leave shall be provided pursuant to the MLA Article 35 and  
5 Article 9, except as provided below in Section 1: Vacation Request.

6           **Section 1. Vacation Request.** Employees who request vacation prior to December 1st for  
7 vacations starting in the following calendar year (January 1st to December 31st) will be granted  
8 preference in accordance with seniority within job classification and shift. After December 1st,  
9 requests for vacations in the following calendar year will be granted on a first-come, first-served  
10 basis.

11 **ARTICLE 6: SICK LEAVE**

12           The parties agree paid sick leave shall be provided pursuant to the MLA Article 34, except as  
13 provided below in Section 1: Wellness Incentive.

14           **Section 1. Wellness Incentive.** Regular, full time employees who have been employed for at  
15 least one full calendar year within the bargaining unit who, in the preceding calendar year, use less  
16 than thirty-three (33) hours of sick leave may, upon request, convert sixteen (16) hours of unused,  
17 accrued sick leave to sixteen (16) hours of vacation leave. In calculating this benefit, disability leave  
18 used for on duty injuries or occupational illness will not be counted.

19 **ARTICLE 7: OTHER LEAVES**

20           **Section 1. Organ Donation Leave.**

21           A. The appointing authority shall allow an employee eligible for leave benefits who is  
22 voluntarily participating as a donor in life-giving or life-saving procedures such as, but not limited to,  
23 bone marrow transplants, kidney transplants, or blood transfusions, to take five days paid leave  
24 without having such leave charged to family leave, sick leave, vacation leave or leave of absence  
25 without pay; provided that the employee shall:

26                           1. Give the Chief Medical Examiner reasonable advance notice of the need to  
27 take time off from work for the donation of bone marrow, a kidney, or other organs or tissue where  
28 there is a reasonable expectation that the employee's failure to donate may result in serious illness,

1 injury, pain or the eventual death of the identified recipient.

2                   2. Provide written proof from an accredited medical institution, organization  
3 or individual as to the need for the employee to donate bone marrow, a kidney, or other organs or  
4 tissue or to participate in any other medical procedure where the participation of the donor is unique  
5 or critical to a successful outcome.

6                   B. Time off from work for the purposes set out above in excess of five (5) working  
7 days shall be subject to existing leave policies.

8                   **Section 2. Bereavement Leave**

9                   The parties agree bereavement leave shall be provided pursuant to the MLA Article 8.

10 **ARTICLE 8: WAGE RATES**

11                   **Section 1. Wage Rates.** The wage rates for the positions covered by this Agreement shall be  
12 as set forth in Addendum A: Wages. The General Wage Increases (GWI) for the term of this  
13 Agreement are provided in the MLA and the Total Compensation Agreement (MOA Doc Code  
14 000U0516) and relevant successor Total Compensation Agreements.

15                   **Economic and Fiscal Conditions Reopener.** The parties agree when significant  
16 shifts in economic and fiscal conditions occur during the term of this agreement, the parties agree to  
17 reopen negotiations for COLA when triggered by either an increase in the King County  
18 unemployment rate of more than 2 percentage points compared with the previous year or a decline of  
19 more than 7%, in County retail sales as determined by comparing current year to previous year. Data  
20 will be derived from Washington State Department of Revenue. By no later than July 30th of each  
21 year of this agreement, the county will assess whether the economic measurements listed above  
22 trigger contract reopeners on COLA for the subsequent year.

23                   **Section 2. Shift Premium Pay.** Medical Investigators whose shift begins between 1900  
24 hours and 0600 hours (night shift) shall receive shift premium pay equivalent to 2.5% of the  
25 employee's effective hourly rate of pay (base hourly rate) for all hours worked during the night shift.

26                   **Section 3. Bilingual Premium Pay.** Employee(s) who are substantially bilingual and are  
27 assigned in writing by management to regularly use their skills in a language other than English in the  
28 performance of their work duties will be paid a bilingual premium of \$50 per month. This

1 assignment will be renewed annually and may be terminated at anytime.

2       Such employee(s) will be required to demonstrate their bilingual ability, but are not required  
3 to be certified by the State of Washington as a translator/interpreter. Language proficiency in each  
4 case will be assessed by staff from King County Superior Court Interpreter Services. The County  
5 retains the right to contract for translators/interpreters as appropriate. It is understood by the parties  
6 that the work performed by the bilingual speaker provided for under this Section shall not supplant  
7 the work of the Medical Interpreter/Translator.

8       **Section 4. Educational Conferences.** Employees, on their off hours, who (with the prior  
9 written approval of the Chief Medical Examiner) attend Medical Examiner educational conferences  
10 will receive pay at the regular rate.

11       **Section 5. Automatic Step Progression.** Employees who were placed at Step 1 of the salary  
12 range when hired in a bargaining unit position shall receive an increase to Step 2 upon satisfactory  
13 completion of the 6 month probationary period. Employees who were placed at Step 2 or higher  
14 when hired may, at the discretion of management and with department approval, receive an increase  
15 to the next higher step upon satisfactory completion of the probationary period. Regular, non-  
16 probationary employees who are not at the top step will receive an increase to the next higher step on  
17 the salary range effective January 1st of each year, provided their performance is satisfactory. In  
18 2015 and 2016, this provision shall be modified pursuant to the terms and conditions of the  
19 Memorandum of Agreement: "Step and Longevity Increase Freeze Agreement to Save Jobs and  
20 Services" attached to this Collective Bargaining Agreement as Addendum C.

## 21 **ARTICLE 9: HOURS OF WORK**

22       **Section 1. Forensic Medicolegal Death Investigator.** The work week for employees  
23 classified as forensic medicolegal death investigators will consist of:

24           A. 4 On 3 Off Workweek - There may be established a workweek comprising of four  
25 (4) consecutive workdays of ten (10) consecutive hours each workday exclusive of the meal period.  
26 Any established four/ten workweek shall provide for three (3) consecutive days off.

27           B. Five (5) consecutive days of eight (8) hours each, exclusive of lunch period,  
28 followed by two (2) days off.

1           **Section 2. Autopsy Technician Hours.** The work week for autopsy technicians will consist  
2 of five (5) consecutive days of eight (8) hours each, exclusive of lunch period, followed by two (2)  
3 consecutive days off or a schedule which requires that employees rotate their schedules so that one  
4 employee will work on Saturday.

5           **Section 3. All others.** The work week for all other employees, those not referenced in  
6 Section 1 or Section 2 above, may consist of five (5) consecutive days of eight (8) hours each,  
7 exclusive of lunch period, followed by two (2) consecutive days off.

8           **Section 4. Work Schedule and Starting Times.** The establishment of reasonable work  
9 schedules and starting times is vested solely within the purview of division management and may be  
10 changed from time to time provided a two (2) week prior notice of change is given.

11           **Section 5. Employee Scheduling Committees.** A scheduling committee may assist in  
12 developing schedules by providing recommendations to management. The committee should  
13 consider principally the operating needs of the program. The needs of the community and individual  
14 employees, including seniority status, should be considered so long as the program needs are met.  
15 Management reserves the right to adjust the personnel, schedule and shifts as it deems necessary and  
16 is not required to accept a committee's recommendations.

17           **Section 6. Alternative Schedules.** Alternative schedules may be mutually agreed upon by  
18 an employee and management consistent with the provisions of this agreement.

19           **Section 7. Public Health Emergencies.** Public Health has important roles and functions it  
20 must perform during various disasters and emergencies. During those times, management retains the  
21 right to alter work schedules and approved leaves without prior notice.

22           **Section 8. Shift Trades.** Shift changes in scheduled shifts may be exchanged within the  
23 same pay period on an equal basis between the two employees within the same job classification,  
24 subject to written approval of management. Shift trade requests must be submitted in writing using  
25 the Shift Trade Request Form two weeks before the pay period of the requested trade begins and  
26 signed by management in advance. Such shift trades are permitted on the conditions the trade is shift  
27 for shift, not hour for hour; pay will be based on the normal shift. Shift differentials and premium  
28 payments will be paid to the employee who is normally assigned to the shift, not to the employee

1 covering the shift through a trade. Any overtime will be computed based on the hours of the normal  
2 shift. When the trade occurs on a holiday, the employee actually working the holiday will be  
3 compensated. Trading of a traded shift is not permitted.

#### 4 **ARTICLE 10: OVERTIME**

5 **Section 1. Five Day Schedule.** Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, employees  
6 on a five-day schedule shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for all hours worked in excess of  
7 eight (8) hours in one day (exclusive of lunch) or forty (40) hours in one week exclusive of lunch  
8 period.

9 **Section 2. Four Days on Three Days off Schedule.** Employees on a work schedule other  
10 than five days shall be paid for all hours worked in excess of the scheduled shift of at least eight  
11 hours. Employees on a 4 on 3 off schedule shall be paid at the rate of time and one-half for all hours  
12 worked in excess of ten (10) hours in one day or of 40 hours in a week (exclusive of lunch period).

13 **Section 3. Overtime Calculation.** For overtime purposes, hours of work shall be computed  
14 to the next highest six minute period within the hour. For example: work performed until 15 minutes  
15 past the hour shall be paid for at 18/60ths times the overtime (time and one half) hourly rate, which is  
16 equal to .3 times the hourly rate. Overtime pay rates shall be calculated using the regular rate of pay  
17 (i.e. base hourly rates set forth in Addendum "A") plus any premiums, lead pay, specialty pay, shift  
18 differentials, etc. which the employee normally receives.

19 **Section 4. Callback.** Persons called back to work will be compensated a minimum of four  
20 (4) hours for each instance at the overtime rate. In those circumstances where an employee is asked  
21 to report for work four (4) or fewer hours prior to the beginning of his/her regular starting time, this  
22 time will not be considered a callback.

23 **Section 5. Authorization.** All overtime shall be authorized in advance by the Chief Medical  
24 Examiner or his/her designee in writing, except in emergencies. Saturday and Sunday work is not  
25 overtime when it is a regularly scheduled work day.

26 **Section 6. Off-duty Court Time.** Off-duty court time shall be compensated at time and one-  
27 half when such court time has been approved to be necessary by the Chief Medical Examiner or  
28 his/her designee. Off duty court time occurring on a regularly scheduled day off shall be

1 compensated at a minimum of two (2) hours and shall include travel time to and from the employee's  
2 residence via the most direct route and any time necessary to secure evidence or other material  
3 necessary for the court appearance.

4 **Section 7. Staff Meetings.** Managers may hold mandatory staff meetings and staff shall be  
5 required to attend. Should required meetings be scheduled on an employee's day off, the employee  
6 shall be paid at his/her straight time rate for all time spent in attendance at the meeting unless a higher  
7 rate is required by the Fair Labor Standards Act, Washington Minimum Wage Act, or otherwise  
8 required by law.

9 **Section 8. Compensatory Time.** Overtime may be compensated by compensatory time off  
10 at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the overtime hours worked, provided employee requests  
11 compensatory time accrual in advance and the supervisor approves. Employees may not have a  
12 balance of more than forty (40) hours of compensatory time. All compensatory time not used by the  
13 end of a calendar year will be paid in cash. Exception: if use was not feasible due to work demands  
14 of the position, the employee may request and the Chief Medical Examiner may approve the  
15 carryover of up to forty (40) hours of accrued compensatory time. No requests for compensatory  
16 time accrual will be approved for the last pay period of a calendar year (December 16 through  
17 December 31). Use of compensatory time off must be approved in advance as for vacation leave.

18 **ARTICLE 11: MEDICAL, DENTAL, LONG-TERM DISABILITY, AND LIFE INSURANCE**

19 Health benefits shall be provided in accordance with the MLA Article 25 and the Total  
20 Compensation Agreement, and all respective successor Agreements.

21 **ARTICLE 12: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

22 The parties agree the dispute resolution/grievance process shall be provided pursuant to the  
23 MLA Article 26.

24 **Section 1. Unfair Labor Practice(s) Resolution.** The parties agree that thirty (30) days  
25 prior to filing a ULP complaint with PERC, the complaining party will notify the other party, in  
26 writing, meet, and make a good faith attempt to resolve the concerns unless the deadline for filing  
27 with PERC would otherwise pass or the complaining party is seeking a temporary restraining order as  
28 relief for the alleged Unfair Labor Practice.

1 **ARTICLE 13: USE OF BULLETIN BOARDS AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

2 The parties agree the use of County Bulletin Boards & Electronic Devices shall be provided  
3 pursuant to the MLA Article 23.

4 **ARTICLE 14: EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

5 The County or the Union shall not unlawfully discriminate against any individual with respect  
6 to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of race, color, creed  
7 religion, national origin, age or sex, sexual orientation, marital status, or mental, sensory or physical  
8 handicap or disability, except as otherwise provided by law.

9 Employees are encouraged to discuss issues of concern related to this Article with their  
10 manager and or the Department Personnel Office. Complaints or charges of unlawful discrimination  
11 under this Article shall be pursued through appropriate equal employment opportunity agencies of the  
12 County (Office of Civil Rights Enforcement), City, State, or Federal government, rather than through  
13 the grievance procedures in this Agreement.

14 **ARTICLE 15: SAVINGS CLAUSE**

15 The parties agree the Savings Clause shall be provided pursuant to the MLA Article 30.

16 **ARTICLE 16: WORK STOPPAGES AND EMPLOYER PROTECTION**

17 **Section 1.** The County and the Union agree that the public interest requires efficient and  
18 uninterrupted performance of all County services and to this end pledge their best efforts to avoid or  
19 eliminate any conduct contrary to this objective. Specifically, the Union shall not cause or condone  
20 any work stoppage, including any strike, slowdown or refusal to perform any customarily assigned  
21 duties, sick leave absence which is not bonafide, or other interference with County functions by  
22 employees under this Agreement and should same occur, the Union agrees to take appropriate steps  
23 to end such interference. Any concerted action by any employees in any bargaining unit shall be  
24 deemed a work stoppage if any of the above activities have occurred.

25 **Section 2.** Upon notification in writing by the County to the Union that any of its members  
26 are engaged in a work stoppage, the Union shall immediately, in writing, order such members to  
27 immediately cease engaging in such work stoppage and provide the County with a copy of such  
28 order. In addition, if requested by the County, a responsible official of the Union shall order such

1 Union members to cease engaging in such a work stoppage.

2 **Section 3.** Any employee participating in such work stoppage or in other ways committing an  
3 act prohibited in this article shall be considered absent without leave and shall be considered to have  
4 resigned.

5 **ARTICLE 17: WAIVER CLAUSE**

6 The parties acknowledge that each has had the unlimited right within the law and the  
7 opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any matter deemed a proper subject for  
8 collective bargaining. The results of the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this  
9 Agreement. For the duration of this Agreement, the County and the Union each agree to waive the  
10 right to oblige the other party to bargain with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred  
11 to or covered in this Agreement.

12 All letters, agreements and understandings in effect prior to the effective date of this contract  
13 are deemed null and void with the effective date of this contract.

14 **ARTICLE 18: REDUCTION-IN-FORCE/LAYOFF REHIRES**

15 **Section 1.** Employees laid off as a result of reduction of work and/or a shortage of funds shall  
16 normally be laid off according to their seniority within classification series (as determined by the  
17 Union), with the least senior employee being laid off first. When in the judgment of the Division  
18 Manager the application of seniority does not provide for continued efficient operation of the  
19 Division during the event of large scale reductions in force, then ability and skill may be the  
20 determining factor in layoff and bumping decisions arising under this Article.

21 **Section 2.** Employees whose positions are eliminated shall have 30 calendar days following  
22 the notice under Section 4 below to exercise one of the following options:

23 1.) Accept elimination

24 2.) Accept vacant bargaining unit position, if qualified

25 3.) Displace the least senior career service bargaining unit employee in the affected  
26 classification or displace the least senior career service bargaining unit employee in another  
27 classification within the affected classification series.

28 **Section 3.** Employees laid off shall be recalled in the inverse order of layoff; namely, those

1 laid off last will be recalled first.

2       **Section 4.** The County agrees to notify the Union and affected career service bargaining unit  
3 employee at least 30 calendar days in advance, in writing, of any anticipated reduction in force. Such  
4 notice shall include the name and classification of all such employees whose positions are to be  
5 eliminated. In the event of large scale reductions in force mentioned in Section 1 above, upon  
6 request, the County agrees to meet with the Union within the 30 days prescribed above to review the  
7 circumstances of the proposed reductions.

#### 8 **ARTICLE 19: MISCELLANEOUS**

9       **Section 1. Union Leave.** The parties agree union leave shall be pursuant to MLA Article 22.

10       **Section 2.** The parties agree transportation benefits shall be pursuant to MLA Article 38.

11       **Section 3.** The parties agree reimbursement for personal transportation shall be pursuant to  
12 MLA Article 24.

13       **Section 4. Dress Code.** All Employees shall be provided a standard uniform which shall be  
14 worn during all hours of work, unless an exception is approved in writing by the Chief Medical  
15 Examiner or his/her designee. Each employee will initially be issued a uniform. The County will  
16 purchase and replace these items. Clothing provided by the County will be cleaned and laundered by  
17 the County. Health and safety are important reasons for this uniform policy. The County will  
18 provide appropriate footwear. Specialists will receive protective clothing as determined by  
19 management. Autopsy Assistants shall be provided with uniforms and with replacement shoes as  
20 needed.

21       **Section 5. Employee List for Union.** An employee's union representative as referred to in  
22 this Contract, shall mean a local officer, shop steward, or staff representative. The Chief Medical  
23 Examiner shall be furnished with a list of all employees in those positions; such list shall be updated  
24 as changes occur.

25       **Section 6. Transit Pass.** All regular employees covered by this Agreement will receive a  
26 transit pass as provided in County ordinance.

27       **Section 7. Identification and badges.** Employees will display only County issued  
28 identification.

1           **Section 8. Tools and Equipment.** All tools and equipment will be provided by the County.  
2 Only County provided tools and equipment will be used.

3           **Section 9. Weapons.** The use, threatened use, or possession of a weapon concealed, licensed  
4 or otherwise, by an employee while in the performance of his/her official duties or while on County  
5 property is strictly prohibited and may result in termination. This section shall not apply to the  
6 handling of a weapon found on the scene of an official investigation and while in the performance of  
7 official duties.

8           **Section 10. Training.** The Medical Examiner's Office will provide training opportunities to  
9 employees within budgeted appropriations. The objective is to encourage and motivate employees to  
10 improve their personal capabilities in performance of their assigned duties. The Medical Examiner's  
11 Office will not reimburse employees for unauthorized training. Training to be paid for by the  
12 Medical Examiner's Office must be approved in writing by the Chief Medical Examiner or his  
13 designee.

14           **Section 11. Professional Licenses or Certifications.** All employees covered by this  
15 contract at the time of ratification and who become registered by the American Board of Medicolegal  
16 Death Investigators (ABMDI) within the life of this agreement, will be awarded a one-time \$200  
17 bonus. In addition, upon passing the examination, the employee will be reimbursed for the  
18 application fee, examination fee and reasonable travel expenses to the nearest examination location in  
19 a calendar year. All employees who become Board Certified by the ABMDI will be reimbursed for  
20 one application and one examination fee upon passing the examination. For all employees registered  
21 or certified by ABMDI, the County will bear the annual maintenance cost of their ABMDI  
22 registration/certification.

23 **ARTICLE 20: LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

24           A labor-management committee (LMC) will be created to keep lines of communication open  
25 and resolve issues at their earliest stages. Issues such as grievances, unfair labor practices and  
26 litigation will be excluded from consideration by the LMC. In the event that an issue rises to the  
27 level of a negotiation, it will be referred by mutual agreement to a negotiation process. No binding  
28 agreements, including but not limited to memorandums of understanding, side letters, etc., involving

1 the day-to-day administration of collective bargaining agreements or bargaining relationships will be  
2 entered into with the bargaining representatives of employees of King County without the  
3 authorization of the King County Office of Labor Relations Director or his/her designee.

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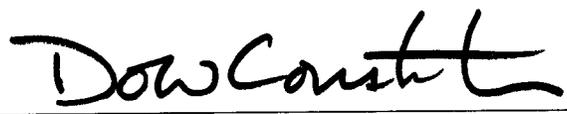
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**ARTICLE 21: DURATION**

The parties agree the duration shall be pursuant to MLA Article 31.

APPROVED this 15 day of MARCH, 2018.

By:   
King County Executive

SIGNATORY ORGANIZATION:



Suzette Dickerson  
Staff Representative  
Washington State Council of County and City  
Employees, Council 2, Local 1652

2 **ADDENDUM A: WAGES**

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4 Job Class Code	5 PeopleSoft Job Code	6 Classification Title	7 Pay Range* (Squared Table)
8 4201100	9 421209	10 Administrative Specialist I	11 33
12 4201200	13 421313	14 Administrative Specialist II	15 37
16 4201300	17 421406	18 Administrative Specialist III	19 41
20 4201400	21 421505	22 Administrative Specialist IV	23 46
24 4101100	25 411109	26 Fiscal Specialist I	27 34
28 4101200	411212	Fiscal Specialist II	38
4101300	411305	Fiscal Specialist III	42
3430100	345101	Forensic Autopsy Technician	51
3430200	345401	Forensic Autopsy Technician - Lead	53
3431100	345201	Forensic Medicolegal Death Investigator I	54
3431200	345701	Forensic Medicolegal Death Investigator II	55
3431300	345801	Forensic Medicolegal Death Investigator - Lead	56
3423100	341403	Health Program Assistant I	41
3423200	341503	Health Program Assistant II	45

26 \*For rates, please refer to the King County Squared Table