November 5, 2018

The Honorable Joe McDermott

Chair, King County Council

Room 1200

C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember McDermott:

I am pleased to transmit for the King County Council’s approval the attached motion confirming John Taylor as Director of the King County Department of Local Services. The motion will be effective upon the department’s creation on January 1, 2019. A full set of confirmation documents will be submitted to the Council under separate cover.

With Council’s approval, Mr. Taylor will be the first director of the newly created Department of Local Services. The Department of Local Services (DLS) will better coordinate and deliver direct services to the nearly 250,000 people who live in unincorporated King County. DLS will consist of a permitting division for development permit review, code enforcement, suburban planning, a Road Services Division responsible for 1,500 miles of roads and 182 bridges, and a Director’s Office, which will include the Community Service Areas program.

Mr. Taylor most recently served as an assistant division director in the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks.

I want DLS to start with a strong foundation that empowers our talented employees to achieve the highest level of customer satisfaction, and that is the workplace culture Mr. Taylor will promote, in addition to providing the leadership our new department needs to deliver outstanding services.

Mr. Taylor earned his master’s degree in public administration at the University of Vermont. He recently coordinated a landmark agreement that will simultaneously restore salmon habitat, strengthen the region’s agricultural economy, and reduce flood risks in the Snoqualmie Valley.

Mr. Taylor’s leadership style and ability to bring together diverse interests will assist in reaching the goals and objectives of the King County Strategic Plan by providing efficient, accountable regional and local government.

It is my great pleasure to request the confirmation of Mr. John Taylor as the Director of the King County Department of Local Services.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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 John Taylor, Director Designee, Department of Local Services