

SHERIFF

KING COUNTY

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June 27, 2019

The Honorable Rod Dembowski
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
King County Courthouse

Dear Councilmember Dembowski,

The attached response and motion is in compliance with the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget Ordinance 18835, Section 21 and Proviso 5 requesting a plan to increase staffing for the Sheriff's Marine Unit during the peak recreation months of June, July, and August in order to reduce safety issues by increasing patrols.

There are many factors that dictate the Sheriff's ability to initiate proactive patrol and enforcement activities on our three primary rivers and two lakes, including staffing levels and the need to prioritize emergent calls for service. This report summarizes our ability to expand enforcement along King County Rivers utilizing deputies from both the Marine Unit and Patrol Operations. While we have focused on immediate steps we can take in the summer months of 2019, the most effective way to increase enforcement is to add additional FTEs or overtime budget. We hope council will consider our staffing and equipment limitations when reviewing our response.

Thank you

Sincerely,



Mitzi G. Johanknecht
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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers
ATTN: Carolyn Busch, Chief of Staff
Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

