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2 AN ORDINANCE proposing to amend the King County
3 Charter to grant the office of law enforcement oversight
4 subpoena powers; amending Section 265 of the King
5 County Charter; and submitting the same to the voters of
6 the county for their ratification or rejection at the
7 November 2019 general election.

8 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

9 SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the qualified voters of King County for
10 their approval and ratification or rejection, at the November 2019 general election, an
11 amendment to Article 2, Section 265 of the King County Charter, as set forth herein:

12 **Section 265. Office of Law Enforcement Oversight.**

13 The county council shall establish by ordinance an office of law enforcement
14 oversight, which shall be a part of the legislative branch. The office shall have a director
15 who is appointed by a majority of the county council to serve a term of four years and
16 until a successor is appointed. The director may be removed from office at any time for
17 cause by a majority of the county council.

18 The authority of the office of law enforcement oversight shall be prescribed by
19 ordinance and should include: investigation, review and analysis of conduct of county
20 law enforcement officers that has been the subject of a complaint and the use of force by
21 county law enforcement officers regardless of whether it has been the subject of a

22 complaint; and review and analysis of internal investigations conducted and disciplinary
23 action taken by the department of public safety regarding that conduct or use of force.
24 The authority of the office should also include: the preparation and publication of
25 findings, conclusions and recommendations related to the office's oversight of the
26 department of public safety; and community outreach concerning the department of
27 public safety and the office of law enforcement oversight.

28 To enable the office of law enforcement oversight to exercise its authority
29 effectively, the office shall be authorized by ordinance to obtain all relevant information,
30 including authority to review and copy relevant department of public safety files,
31 subpoena witnesses, documents and other evidence relating to its investigations or
32 review, inspect crime scenes, conduct interviews and participate in internal investigations
33 and review hearings.

34 The county council shall establish by ordinance an advisory committee for law
35 enforcement oversight to review, advise and report on the office of law enforcement
36 oversight in a manner that may be prescribed by ordinance. The committee shall also
37 advise the sheriff and the council on matters of equity and social justice related to law
38 enforcement. The committee may also advise the sheriff and the council on systemic
39 problems and opportunities for improvement in the law enforcement practices of the
40 department of public safety. The county council shall prescribe by ordinance the
41 committee's membership, qualifications, and rules and procedures, and the process for
42 appointment of committee members, and may prescribe by ordinance additional duties of
43 the committee.

44 SECTION 2. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the manager
45 of the elections division, in substantially the following form, with such additions,
46 deletions or modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

47 Shall Section 265 of the King County Charter be amended to enable the
48 office law enforcement oversight to subpoena witnesses, documents and
49 other evidence related to its investigations and reviews of county law
50 enforcement officers?