November 6, 2019

The Honorable Rod Dembowski

Chair, King County Council

Room 1200

C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Dembowski:

On November 5, 2019, King County voters overwhelmingly approved King County Proposition 1, the Medic One – Emergency Medical Services Replacement Levy. This letter transmits a proposed supplemental budget appropriation ordinance that will allow our Medic One/EMS system to continue delivering the highest quality pre-hospital medical care throughout the region for 2020. In addition, this legislation provides funding to Public Health – Seattle & King County to begin its implementation of the recently approved six-year property tax levy.

Specifically, appropriations within the ordinance will continue funding the “lights and sirens” piece of the system, along with the regional programs that support the direct services delivered by our EMS providers. In addition, there are contingencies and reserves to help safeguard the system from unforeseen financial risk. Attached for your reference is the 2020 Proposed Supplemental Financial Plan, as well as a crosswalk highlighting existing budget to proposed budget**.** Expenditures are consistent with the assumptions in the adopted Medic One/EMS 2020-2025 Strategic Plan.

Proposition 1 is the direct result of an extensive planning process that brought together regional leaders, decision-makers, and stakeholders to assess the needs of the system. They collectively developed recommendations that will direct the system into the future, and meet the needs of the EMS system, its users, and our community.

The services supported by Medic One/EMS directly align with King County’s mission to provide fiscally responsible, quality driven local and regional services, supporting the goals and strategies of the King County Strategic Plan. Also, because EMS responses are distributed throughout the region based on service criteria, areas with economic challenges are provided the same level of service as areas with economic prosperity. This ensures access to health and human services and furthers King County’s Equity and Social Justice Program.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this proposed ordinance. If you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Michele Plorde, Emergency Medical Services Division Director, at 206-263-8603.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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