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The Honorable Claudia Balducci Chair, King County Council Room 1200 COURTHOUSE

## Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits a proposed ordinance that, if enacted, will appropriate funds to the Facilities Management Division to enable King County to purchase the property located at 2124 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle, for continued use by Public Health – Seattle & King County as the Downtown Public Health Clinic. The clinic provides a range of vital health services, with a focus on serving people who are experiencing homelessness, and associated support programs such as primary care, dental services, Women, Infants and Children Nutrition (WIC), maternity support services, refugee screening, opioid use disorder services, and a needle exchange.

Purchase of this property supports the provision of King County operations and services. It allows for the continuation and expansion of Public Health services at this location. This transaction is recommended per the rationale and considerations provided in the attached property summary.

Purchase of this property furthers the goals of the King County Strategic Plan by supporting goals in Health & Human Services, and the Efficient, Accountable Regional and Local Government focus areas. The Health and Human Services goals are supported by providing client services to improve health and social outcomes and by improving the outcomes and lowering the costs of care in King County through focusing on prevention and recovery from health and social problems to ensure that babies are born healthy and establish a strong foundation for lifelong health and wellbeing. The proposed acquisition supports the goal of Efficient, Accountable Regional and Local Government by aligning funding, policy, and operational goals of King County Government with community priorities and delivering consistent, responsive, equitable, and high-quality services to our constituents in Seattle and the surrounding area.

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Thank you for your consideration of this proposed ordinance.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Anthony Wright, Director, Facilities Management Division at 206-477-9352.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

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