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To: [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)
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Good morning Councilmembers,

My name is Mallory Van Abbema. I'm a constituent in Councilmember Dembowski's district and work in the affordable housing sector. I have been involved with Partners in Change program for the past month, and have seen the direct impact Partners in Change is providing to the community to respond to Covid19. Partners in Change has effectively improved vital communication between policy makers, decision makers, stakeholders and government depts to the communities impacted. Partners in Change understands the power of coalescing and bringing together BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) to build power and systems change towards equity, racial and social justice. I highly urge the County Council and County Executive Dow Constantine to fully fund Partners in Change's ask of \$2.5M so that we can directly support and safely fight against Covid19 in our communities.

This is your opportunity to authenticity support a community based organization that understands the real needs their neighbors have. We are fortunate to have leaders in King County who are committed to furthering equitable response to the multiple pandemics our region is facing. Please adequately resource this work by directly supporting partner in Change at the \$2.5 million dollar level that has been requested.

With gratitude,

Mallory Van Abbema

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take care,

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