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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, enables the Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD) to use a standard template for cities seeking jail services from King County in 2021-2022. This legislation would authorize the Executive to sign the attached interlocal agreements, in substantially similar form to the 2012-2020 Extension City Interlocal, approved by Council in Ordinance 17239 on December 16, 2011. A similar template was authorized by council in Ordinance 17792 on April 22, 2014.

DAJD currently contracts with 28 King County cities and the Port of Seattle to provide jail services at county facilities. Each of these contracts will expire at the end of the 2020. Attachment A to the proposed ordinance is a draft standard template that is substantially similar to the agreements that expire this year. The new template makes two notable changes. The first is the addition of language offering access to an electronic intake tool for city police officers that will go live in 2021. The other is the removal of references to cities' ability to access the county's Work Release program since it will remain closed in 2021 and likely beyond if the County Council approves the Executive's plans to permanently close Work/Education Release on the 10th floor of the King County Courthouse. DAJD is proposing a two-year contract in order to have agreements in place January 2021 with our partner agencies. This will allow time to explore more substantive changes to jail service agreements based on the county goals of investing in new approaches within the criminal legal system that allow for divesting in other areas.

This legislation aligns with the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient and accountable regional and local government and its objective to deliver consistent, responsive, equitable, high-quality services to residents, cities, and districts.

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It is estimated that this legislation and agreement required approximately 50 staff hours costing approximately \$3000 to produce.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed ordinance. If your staff have any questions, please contact John Diaz, Director, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, at 206-263-3669.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dow Constantine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line at the end.

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers
ATTN: Carolyn Busch, Chief of Staff
Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council
Shannon Braddock, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Executive
Karan Gill, Director of Council Relations, Office of the Executive
Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget
John Diaz, Director, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention