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The Honorable Claudia Balducci
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits a proposed emergency supplemental appropriation ordinance that, if enacted, would authorize King County to continue to fund critical COVID-19 response efforts. The proposal includes \$92.3 million in revenue-backed expenditures and re-appropriations.

This is the sixth COVID-19 supplemental appropriation request I have transmitted to the King County Council. In March 2020, our Proclamation of Emergency in response to COVID-19 enabled us to enact extraordinary measures to fight the pandemic. The King County Council subsequently approved five COVID-19 supplemental budget requests in 2020, funding economic recovery efforts, community health and safety measures, and the County's response operations.

This proposed sixth COVID-19 supplemental includes proposals for revenue-backed programs and services, re-appropriation of funds for approved county projects that have not been completed, and funds to close out 2020 projects, including:

- Rental assistance program funded with new federal funds;
- The public health response to COVID-19, which is backed by known funds through about mid-March;
- Vaccination delivery support by multiple agencies;
- Re-appropriation of funds for personal protective equipment (PPE) acquisition;
- Superior Court and District Court projects designed to facilitate safe access to the courts;
- Two months of continued funding for the Just Cares homelessness response program; and
- Countywide resources to close out 2020 grants.

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This proposed supplemental appropriation also includes a proposal to set aside \$5 million from the General Fund to create a community support revolving fund. This appropriation will provide a fiscal backstop for future County programs that provide support to local organizations so they can move funds to community partners quickly.

Due to the uncertainty of federal and state funds, this proposed supplemental appropriation does not include funding requests for other County operations that the County is committed to continuing, such as operating COVID-19 isolation and quarantine sites, shelter deintensification efforts, hotel leases, and testing and surveillance in the jail. When there is certainty around federal and state funds and an updated local revenue forecast, I will transmit the seventh COVID supplemental for your consideration, taking into account the COVID response Motion passed by the King County Council in early February.

Please note that these proposed appropriation requests rely on initial estimates of costs, which may be revised, and that the County is actively seeking state and federal reimbursement for all COVID-19 related expenses.

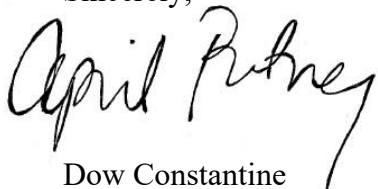
This work furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal to improve the health and well-being of people in our community.

I certify that funds are available.

As we enter the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, our continued partnership and collaboration allow us to support King County's families, communities, and our employees as we navigate the challenges of the year together.

Thank you for your partnership and consideration of this proposed ordinance. If your staff have questions, please contact Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, at 206-263-9687.

Sincerely,

 for

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Enclosure

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