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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 the Community Bail Reform Pilot Project Report in response to Ordinance 18835, Section 62, Proviso P3, which directed the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) to contract with a nonprofit organization to pay bail for indigent individuals who would otherwise spend their pretrial time in jail, as well as a proposed motion that would accept the report.

As required, the enclosed report includes performance outcomes from the Northwest Community Bail Fund, which contracted with DCHS to post bail, provide support services for clients at their bail hearings, and develop release plans to provide recently released clients with basic needs, including shelter, food, and job training and placement. This work was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the 2019-2020 biennial appropriation ordinance (Ordinance 18835) associated with the report has expired.

The work outlined in this report furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal to provide for a safe and just community through proactive law enforcement and an accessible and fair justice system, while implementing alternatives to divert people from the criminal justice system.

It is estimated that this report required 40 staff hours to produce, costing \$3,500.

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Thank you for your review of this report. If your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, at 206-263-9687.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dow Constantine', written in a cursive style.

for

Dow Constantine
King County Executive

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
Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget