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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 implementation plan on Restorative Community Pathways (RCP) required by Ordinance 19210, Section 18, Proviso P2, as amended by Ordinance 19307, Section 7 and proposed Motion acknowledging receipt of the implementation plan.

The enclosed report was developed by the Department of Community Services in partnership with community-based organizations. These organizations provided detailed input and edits to this document. As required, the report includes:

- a description of Restorative Community Pathways components, including roles and responsibilities of county agencies and community-based organizations;
- the request for proposals for awarding contracts;
- a description of how services will be provided equitably to eligible youth in all parts of King County;
- an evaluation plan, including qualitative and quantitative data that will be collected; and
- milestones for the transition of service provision from juvenile probation staff to community-based organizations.

Community organizations and youth have been instrumental in the creation and design of Restorative Community Pathways. This plan expands on a proposal created in 2020 by community-based organizations supporting youth and families impacted by the juvenile legal system, in partnership with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and King County Department of Public Defense. Following appropriation of funding for RCP in King County's 2021-22 Adopted Budget, Creative Justice, CHOOSE180, Collective Justice, and Community Passageways, the original organizations proposing RCP, stepped back to elevate the voices and decisions of youth and community members in further design of plans to implement RCP. The organizations hired a program manager for RCP with funding from the Seattle Foundation to coordinate decision-making of community workgroups on design of RCP components. In developing this plan, the Department of Community & Human Services (DCHS) partnered

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with these RCP community workgroups to design the RCP process, structure, roles, and the Request for Proposals for RCP community providers.

RCP is an important step on King County's journey to zero youth detention, as we divest from the juvenile legal system responses to youth in crisis and invest in community-based diversion. As King County's most comprehensive community-based pre-filing diversion option, RCP builds upon successful community-based navigation services currently supported by King County. It expands eligibility and adds support for community members who have experienced harm, provides a restitution fund and restorative justice mediation.

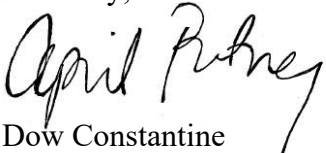
RCP furthers the goal of the King County Strategic Plan objective to increase diversion of young people from the criminal justice system and minimize the harmful effects of incarceration on youth. RCP also furthers the Equity and Social Justice Plan goal to lead with race and remove barriers that limit one's full potential, and the Youth Action Plan's recommendation to intentionally include voices of those people impacted by policies and services, in authentic and meaningful ways. In alignment with the Roadmap to Zero Youth Detention, RCP expands community-based diversion options for youth who come into contact with the legal system.

This plan required approximately 345 staff hours costing approximately \$27,851.

In partnership with the RCP Consortium and Youth Steering Committee, I plan to transmit an updated implementation plan and progress report summarizing the first three months of the program after referrals begin from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. I look forward to our continued collaboration to ensure King County's collective response to youth in crisis that restores them to a path of well-being.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Leo Flor, Director, Department of Community and Human Service at 206-477-4384.

Sincerely,

 for
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King County Executive

Enclosure

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