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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 report on the Use of Electronic Home Monitoring as an Alternative to Secure Detention as called for by Ordinance 19210, Section 50, Proviso P2 and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, acknowledge receipt of the report.

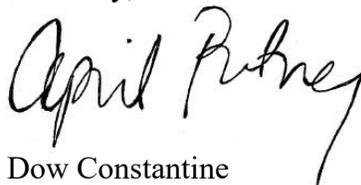
The Electronic Home Monitoring (EHM) Program is an alternative to secure detention that has been offered by the Community Corrections Division (CCD) within the Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD) since 2003. Though CCD programming has been limited since March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, EHM has increased from roughly 65 participants pre-pandemic to approximately 225 participants. The program was designed as a community transition and reintegration program for low-risk participants.

The enclosed report provides information about the program and outlines various changes to the program over time, data about program alerts and notices to the court, and increased resources and victim notification services.

This report furthers the King County Strategic Plan safety and justice goal by providing alternatives to jail. It is estimated that this report required approximately 72 staff hours, costing approximately \$20,000.

If your staff have any questions, please contact John Diaz, Director, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, at 206-263-3669.

Sincerely,

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cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Janine Weihe, Interim Chief of Staff

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John Diaz, Director, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention