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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:

On May 29, 2021, I appointed Dennis Worsham to serve as the acting Director of Public Health – Seattle & King County. This acting appointment was made after consultation with City of Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan. Mr. Worsham continues to serve the community and King County well, especially during this time of great public health challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

When a person is serving as an interim director, King County Code 2.16.110 requires that a Motion be approved by the King County Council for the interim director to serve for more than 150 days. The attached proposed Motion would, if enacted, approve the extension of my appointment of Dennis Worsham as interim director of Public Health – Seattle & King County.

Also pursuant to King County Code 2.16.110, I am updating you on the search underway for a qualified candidate for the Director position. Earlier this year, the County and the City formed a Community Advisory Committee consisting of 15 public health stakeholders, including representatives from both the King County and City of Seattle Councils. The Advisory Committee has finished its work and provided input on developing the candidate profile and qualifications. We are in the process of selecting a vendor to assist with running the recruitment. The current timeline sees the job posted for application by December of this year.

The work of the Advisory Committee reflects the King County Strategic Plan guiding principle of regional collaboration, engaging with partners, stakeholders, and public and private organizations to achieve our goals. It also supports the Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government.

I am grateful for the leadership of Mr. Worsham during this time.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion.

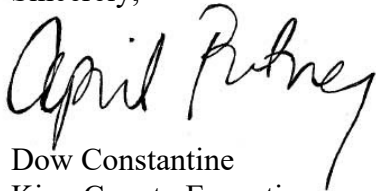
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If your staff have any questions, please contact Jay Osborne, Director, Department of Human Resources, at 206-477-3628.

Sincerely,

 for

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King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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ATTN: Michael Fong, Senior Deputy Mayor

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Jay Osborne, Director, Department of Human Resources

Dennis Worsham, Acting Director, Public Health – Seattle & King County