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A MOTION approving renewal of contract for chief legal counsel to the King County council.

WHEREAS, RCW 36.32.200 grants county councils the authority to hire their own legal counsel for up to a two-year term upon the approval of the presiding superior court judge of the county, and

WHEREAS, the King County council has used the authority provided in RCW 36.32.200 to hire legal counsel to provide the council with legal advice on legislative, contractual, and other legal matters, and

WHEREAS, Monique Cohen was previously appointed to the position of chief legal counsel to the King County council for a two-year term November 17, 2023, through November 16, 2025;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The chair of the employment and administration committee is authorized to sign a contract letter that is substantially similar to Attachment A to this motion appointing Monique Cohen to serve a two-year term in the position of chief legal counsel to

the King County council, effective November 17, 2025, and upon approval by the presiding judge of the King County superior court.