



## **King County**

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The Honorable Girmay Zahilay  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

As called for by Ordinance 19546, Section 54, Proviso P1, this letter transmits the seventh King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD) Independent Monitoring Report required by Ordinance 19861, Section 54, P3. Also included is a proposed Motion that would, if approved, acknowledge receipt of the report. The enclosed report covers the period of April 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025.

This report is the next installment of reports related to the confinement of juveniles in County facilities. The last report, submitted to the Council in June 2024, detailed DAJD's progress in leveraging the capabilities of the Jail Management System to collect and document information about restrictive housing. It discussed how staffing shortages and the increased average daily populations impacted the documentation process. It also included an update on the Independent Monitoring Team's previous recommendations.

This report discusses several challenges facing DAJD, including a rising average daily population, significant increases in length of stay due to delays in court resolution, and an increase in the number of youths presenting with complex and challenging behaviors. These factors contributed to a rise in assaultive incidents targeting both staff and youth, thus signifying an increase in restrictive housing (RH) events. Despite the increase in assaultive behavior, the average length of RH event decreased in this reporting period. The report also discusses how staffing turnover in the Juvenile Division impacted data analysis while highlighting improvements made to the data entry processes, staffing levels, and youth programming opportunities. It also includes operational improvement recommendations from the monitoring team.

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Thank you for your consideration of this report and proposed Motion.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Diana Joy, Chief of Administration, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, at 206-263-2769.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Braddock', with a stylized flourish at the end.

for

Shannon Braddock  
King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff, King County Council  
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