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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 first of two King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD) Independent Monitoring Team Reports required by Ordinance 18637, Sections 2 through 5, as they relate to confinement of juveniles in County detention facilities in compliance with the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget Ordinance 19210, Section 50, Proviso P1. Also included is a proposed Motion, that if approved, acknowledges receipt of the report.

The enclosed report is the first of two reports for the biennium and is a continuation of reports produced by the department from past biennia. The last monitor's report included acknowledgement of the challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic and the dedication required to successfully achieve balance in preventing the spread of COVID-19 in a secure facility while maintaining access to services and programming.

The current report recognizes DAJD's continued work to fully implement and operationalize policies and practices to reduce the use of restrictive housing in both the adult and juvenile divisions. The report also provides a data analysis for the juvenile division and discusses efforts underway to implement system improvements that align with several prior recommendations provided by the monitoring team. These recommendations include training DAJD staff on additional cognitive behavior tools for use in responding to negative behavior and developing individualized reintegration plans for youth placed in restrictive housing.

This report furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government. It is estimated that this report required approximately 100 staff hours, costing approximately \$6,000. Consultant costs for this report were approximately \$75,000, for a total cost of \$81,000 to produce this document.


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

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers
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