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The Honorable Claudia Balducci
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
COURTHOUSE

Dear Councilmember Balducci

This letter transmits the second of two reports on the implementation of Ordinance 18637, Sections 2 through 5, related to confinement of juveniles in county detention facilities in compliance with Ordinance 18835, Section 52, as amended by Ordinance 18930, Section 36, Proviso P8. Also included is a proposed motion, that if approved, acknowledges receipt of the report.

The Council acknowledged receipt of the first report via Motion 15680. The Executive worked with the Council to adjust reporting periods and the due dates for both reports earlier this year. In addition the Council also extended transmittal due dates for work products by sixty days in consideration of the impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic and statewide mitigation efforts.

The enclosed report recognizes the Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention's (DAJD) continued work to fully implement and operationalize policies and practices to reduce the use of restricted housing in both the adult and juvenile divisions. The report acknowledges the challenges over the last six months associated with controlling the spread of COVID-19 while balancing access to programming for young people in the County's care. This report also addresses continued challenges with tracking and reporting uses of restricted housing.

The last monitor's report included 13 recommendations for improvement to department policy and practices, and the enclosed report details the department's response and plans for addressing those recommendations. The recommendations and responses include changes to DAJD's process for transferring young adults between the juvenile and adult divisions, as well as changes to policy language and terminology used in the department, particularly in the adult divisions.

This report furthers the County's Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government. It is estimated that this report required approximately 100 staff hours costing approximately \$6000 to produce.

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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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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Carolyn Busch, Chief of Staff

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Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget

John Diaz, Director, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention