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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 19861, Section 54, Proviso 5, this letter transmits a report on the status of safety improvements at Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD) adult detention facilities and a proposed Motion that would, if approved, acknowledge receipt of the report.

The highest priority of DAJD is to ensure the safety and security of the staff and residents within its care. The enclosed report broadly describes the technology and other initiatives employed by DAJD to support physical safety of officers, residents, and visitors. The report also discusses areas of potential improvement in the use of these technologies, including places where there is a desire to expand coverage and or implement new technology, including potential scope and funding requirements where known.

DAJD's safety technology and initiatives primarily fall into two categories: prevention and response. Prevention includes means of identifying and controlling the entry of dangerous items entering the jail facilities, as well as suicide prevention efforts. Effective response ensures risks are addressed immediately, that assistance can be summoned quickly when needed, and that treatments are readily accessible. This report describes technology options that aid and improve response, which include radios, duress alarms, and facility and body-worn cameras.

Notably, for security reasons, the report does not include details about the amount of security devices or their locations, nor documents specific areas of concern or gaps in coverage in

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detail. DAJD staff are available to brief Councilmembers directly about these items.

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

If your staff have 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", written over a faint circular stamp.

for

Shannon Braddock
King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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

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