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

Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

This letter transmits South King Housing and Homelessness Partners' (SKHHP) recommended 2025 budget and work plan, and a proposed Motion that, if enacted, would approve the budget and work plan. The Interlocal Agreement for SKHHP, authorized by Ordinance 18945, requires King County Council approval of the SKHHP budget and work plan for them to become effective.

South King Housing and Homelessness Partners coordinates with public and private organizations to provide housing policies and programs that complement efforts to address homelessness and the lack of affordable housing. This proposed legislation would approve the budget and work plan as recommended by the SKHHP Executive Board on April 19, 2024. This action would serve south King County residents by ensuring SKHHP has the necessary budgetary authority to operate in 2025 and complete its 2025 work plan.

The 2025 SKHHP work plan includes four high level goals:

1. funding the expansion and preservation of affordable housing
2. developing policies to expand and preserve affordable housing
3. serving as an advocate for South King County
4. managing operations and administration.

Each goal has specific actions for 2025 and indicators to measure progress towards each goal. While most goals continue the work from previous years, key changes in the 2025 SKHHP work plan include aligning the work plan with current priorities of the SKHHP Executive Board, Advisory Board, and Staff Work Group and adding new actions to coordinate with jurisdictions and housing organizations to promote SKHHP's mission of preserving and

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producing quality affordable housing in South King County. The SKHHP 2025 budget will increase by about 12 percent, or from \$419,158 to \$468,237, as compared to the 2024 budget. King County's contribution will remain \$75,000.

This proposed legislation reflects the collaboration of multiple local governments which are coordinating to enhance and develop new local policies and programs and pooling resources for efficient and strategic spending. This approach directly supports the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Five Year Action Plan strategy to support the creation and operation of subregional collaborations to increase and preserve affordable housing.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion. This important legislation will help support housing affordability for South King County residents of all income levels.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Kelly Rider, Director, King County Department of Community and Human Services, at 206-263-5780.

Sincerely,



for

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Enclosure

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