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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 second King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD) Independent Monitoring Team Report required by Ordinance 18637. Also included is a proposed Motion, that if approved, would acknowledge receipt of the report.

The enclosed report is the second report of the 2021-2022 biennium from the Independent Monitor and is a continuation of reports produced by the department from past biennia. The previous monitor's report included recognition of DAJD's continued work to fully implement and operationalize policies and practices to reduce the use of restrictive housing in both adult and juvenile divisions. It also acknowledged significant changes to DAJD operations and barriers to programming due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and provided recommendations for system improvements made by the monitoring team.

The current report recognizes the slow return to programming as COVID restrictions have lessened, and the strains that the lack of programming over the past two years has had on youth in custody as well as DAJD staff. The report focuses on staff turnover in both the juvenile and adult divisions, and the impact that high levels of vacancies are having on programming and the use of restrictive housing. The current report also provides an update regarding progress toward meeting prior recommendations made by the independent monitor.

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 to produce, costing approximately \$6,000. Consultant costs for this report were approximately \$75,000, for a total cost of \$81,000 to produce this document.

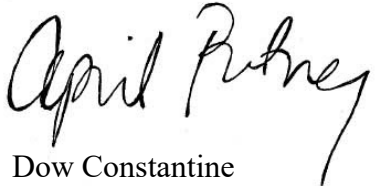
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If your staff have any questions, please contact John Diaz, Director, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, at 206-263-3669.

Sincerely,

 for

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers
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