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The Honorable Dave Upthegrove
Chair, King County Council
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Dear Councilmember Upthegrove:

As called for by Ordinance 19546, Section 54, Proviso P1, this letter transmits the sixth King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD) Independent Monitoring Team Report required by Ordinance 18637, Sections 2 through 5. Also included is a proposed Motion that would, if approved, acknowledge receipt of the report. The enclosed report covers the period of July 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024.

This is the sixth Independent Monitor report provided to the King County Council. It is the next installment of reports related to the confinement of juveniles in County facilities. The last report submitted to the Council in September 2023, detailed DAJD's implementation of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 13.22 regarding solitary confinement, including the process of updating detention operations aligning with Ordinance 18637 and RCW 13.22.

This report details the continued progress DAJD is making with leveraging the capabilities of the Jail Management System to collect and document information about restrictive housing. It discusses how staffing shortages and the increased average daily populations impact the documentation process. The report highlights recent audits and other analyses of Juvenile Division operations and the progress being made on the implementation of several recommendations. The enclosed report also provides an update on the Independent Monitoring Team's previous recommendations.

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

If your staff have any questions, please contact Diana Joy, Chief of Administration, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, at 206-263-2769.

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Sincerely,



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