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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 a proposed emergency supplemental appropriation ordinance that, if enacted, would authorize King County to continue to fund critical COVID-19 response efforts.

This is the fourth COVID-19 supplemental appropriation request I have transmitted to the King County Council. On Sunday, March 1, a Proclamation of Emergency in response to COVID-19 enabled extraordinary measures to fight the outbreak, including waiving some procurement protocols and authorizing overtime for King County employees. On May 12 and June 23, the King County Council approved the second and third COVID-19 supplemental requests respectively. These supplemental budgets funded economic recovery efforts, community health and safety measures, and County response and operations.

As the County continues to respond and recover from the COVID pandemic, this fourth proposed appropriation focuses on maintaining and supporting efforts already in place. The fourth proposed COVID-19 supplemental appropriations request invests in three key areas:

- **King County's COVID-19 response** through continued recovery site operations, distribution of hotel vouchers, increased drive-through and mobile testing capacity, public health communications and management efforts, and resources for school safety measures.
- **Economic recovery and community support** by funding public health ambassadors, supporting food establishments develop safe reopening plans, and investing in our arts and culture community.
- **King County employees and continuity of county operations**, including new District Court capacity through space and technology upgrades, and communications system updates to enhance remote collaboration.

The proposed ordinance also amends two expenditure restrictions. The first is intended to increase the applicant pool in the small business grant program administered by Department of

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Local Service and the second allows businesses fiscally affected by isolation and quarantine facilities to apply for funds previously only available to cities.

Please note that these appropriation requests rely on initial estimates of costs, which may be revised, and that we are actively seeking state and federal reimbursement for all COVID-19 related expenses.

This work furthers the goal of the King County Strategic Plan to improve the health and well-being of people in our community.

I certify that funds are available.

As you know, we have seen increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases in King County over the last several weeks. Our collaborative work to fund King County's COVID-19 response will continue to serve our communities and employees as we navigate the challenges of this pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed ordinance.

If your staff have questions, please contact Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, at 206-263-9687.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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