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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 for your review and consideration certification that King County's Inquest Program website has been improved, in response to Ordinance 19546, Section 24, Proviso P1, along with a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, accept this letter as certification.

As required by subsection A.1 and A.2 of Ordinance 19546, this letter certifies that King County's Inquest Program website has been improved. The County's Inquest Program website contains a fatality list for each inquest between 2004 and 2017.

For each decedent beginning in 2018, where an action, decision, or possible failure to offer the appropriate care by a member of any law enforcement agency might have contributed to the death, the following information is included:

- a. The first and last name of the decedent;
- b. the date of the incident;
- c. the involved law enforcement agency;
- d. the race and gender of the decedent when known;
- e. whether the decedent was in-custody or out-of-custody;
- f. inquest cause number, if available; and
- g. law enforcement case number, if available.

Section A.2 requires certification that the interrogatories of completed inquests are easily accessible to the public on the County's website, without requiring users to download and install Azure software. To remedy this, the Inquest Program leveraged the County's existing open data platform ([data.kingcounty.gov](http://data.kingcounty.gov)) to provide the required content for viewing and/or download.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter and proposed Motion. This legislation supports continuous improvement in the transparency of the County's Inquest Program.

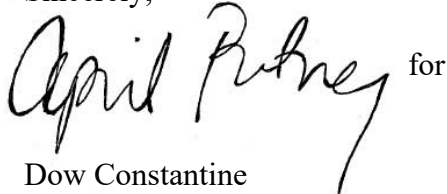
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If your staff have questions, please contact Dee Sylve, Inquest Program Manager, Department of Executive Services, at 206-477-6191.

Sincerely,

 for

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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