



## King County

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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 report regarding the need for additional space at the Norm Maleng Regional Justice Center as required by Ordinance 19021 Proviso P9, Section 3, and a proposed motion that, if enacted, would accept the report.

The report includes information on Superior Court and District Court Court's use of three county courthouses: the King County Courthouse, the Norm Maleng Regional Justice Center, and the Patricia Clark Children and Family Justice Center. It provides data on historical hearing locations, allocation of square footage, and description of current methodology to allocate court case to specific courthouse locations.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, financial crisis, and significant legal system changes currently underway, the report does not provide a full evaluation of ways cases and judicial resources could be allocated among these court facility locations. The report does include initial options for adjusting case methodology. The report does not include next steps recommendations to plan for courtroom expansions. The report finds that due to the aforementioned factors, it is necessary to allow current legal system changes to continue as well as to allow financial constraints to stabilize prior to conducting a feasibility analysis for potential expansion of the Norm Maleng Regional Justice Center.

This report furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government, and its objective to align funding, policy, and operational goals with community priorities.

It is estimated this report required 50 staff hours to produce, costing \$2,730.

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Thank you for your review of this report and consideration of the accompanying proposed motion. If your staff have any questions, please contact Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, at 206-263-0768.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dow Constantine', written in a cursive style.

for

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King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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