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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 a proposed Motion that, if enacted, would confirm my appointment of Aaron Parker as Director of the Community Corrections Division with the Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD), consistent with King County Code 2.16.122. The enclosed materials comprise the full set of confirmation documents as established by code and practice.

After conducting a nationwide recruitment, I appointed Mr. Parker as DAJD's Community Corrections Division Director, effective January 4, 2025. Mr. Parker began his career at King County in April 2019, most recently serving as Juvenile Court Services Manager for King County Superior Court. In that capacity, he was responsible for screening, intake, and supervision services and overseeing the Behavioral Health Response program (formally Juvenile Drug Court). Prior to serving as the Juvenile Court Services Manager, Mr. Parker served as supervisor of the Juvenile Justice Assessment Team at Superior Court's Juvenile Court.

Before coming to King County, Mr. Parker worked for Therapeutic Health Services (THS), a local addiction and mental health treatment organization. At THS, he managed organizational objectives, built community relationships, and provided direct treatment services. His experience working with the courts and demonstrated success in strategic planning and community engagement makes Mr. Parker uniquely qualified to lead the Community Corrections Division and to help advance our efforts to provide alternatives to jail.

Thank you for your consideration of this motion. If your staff have questions, please contact Dwight Dively, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Executive, at 206-263-9687.

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Sincerely,

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Dow Constantine King County Executive

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cc: King County Councilmembers

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