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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 Ordinance that, if enacted, will enable King County to enter into two lease agreements for the Department of Community and Human Services, including sites adjoining the South Downtown (Sodo) Enhanced Shelter. Approval of these leases will enable King County to provide shelter, supportive services, and crisis behavioral health services with a focus on serving people living unhoused in and around downtown Seattle.

This proposed legislation will preserve the existing Sodo shelter, which currently serves 270 persons in partnership with the City of Seattle and the King County Regional Homelessness Authority. It will also help the County move closer to achieving the goal of moving 500 unsheltered individuals inside.

This transaction is recommended per the rationale and considerations provided in the attached property summary. This lease offer expires on April 30, 2022.

These leases support the King County Strategic Plan goal of improving the health and wellbeing of all people in our community by partnering with the City of Seattle and the King County Regional Homelessness Authority to provide shelter and services to people who currently sleep outside in and around downtown Seattle.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance.


The Honorable Claudia Balducci

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If your staff have any questions, please contact Anthony Wright, Director, Facilities Management Division at 206-477-9352.

Sincerely,

 for

Dow Constantine  
King County Executive

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