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The Honorable Girmay Zahilay
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, approve the extension of the appointment of Stephen Heard as acting director of the King County Department of Information Technology (KCIT) through August 4, 2025, as called for by King County Code 2.16.110(E).

On January 6, 2025, Stephen Heard was appointed to serve as the acting Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Director of KCIT. Mr. Heard is successfully serving as acting director as KCIT continues to support King County employees, residents, and other government agencies with a wide array of innovative technology services. His background and recognized leadership skills make him uniquely qualified to serve in this acting capacity.

When a person is serving as acting director of an executive department, King County Code 2.16.110(E) requires the Executive to inform the Council of the status of the search to find a permanent replacement for the vacancy. However, at this time, the search to find a permanent replacement for the CIO is on hold until a new Executive takes office next year.

If your staff have questions regarding this matter, please contact Dwight Dively, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Executive, at 206-263-9687.

Sincerely,

for

Shannon Braddock
King County Executive

cc: King County Councilmembers
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