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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 the third of three reports in response to Ordinance 19210, Section 18, as amended by Ordinance 19318, Section 2, Proviso P4, and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, acknowledge receipt of the report.

As required, the enclosed report is the final of three reports called for by the Council on our progress addressing the civil and criminal case backlog resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and eviction cases that resulted from the end of the Washington state eviction moratorium. As required, the report includes information from King County District Court, the Department of Judicial Administration, the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Department of Public Defense, and King County Superior Court. Specifically, the report includes information on the positions supported by Ordinance 19318; how much appropriation has been expended as of September 30, 2022; statistics on the number of backlog cases resolved; and the identification and discussion of barriers and system challenges to addressing the case backlog.

The Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget collaborated with all affected agencies in developing the enclosed report.

Addressing the legal system backlog supports the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government, as backlog resources will allow legal system agencies to deliver consistent, responsive, equitable, and high-quality services during an unprecedented global pandemic and its recovery.

It is estimated that production of this report required 50 staff hours to produce, costing approximately \$4,375.

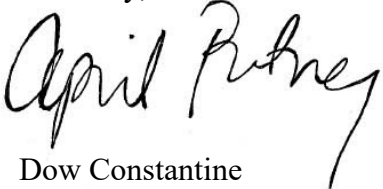
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Thank you for your review of this report and consideration of the proposed Motion. If your staff have any questions, please contact Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget at 206-263-9687.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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