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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:

On May 9, 2022, I appointed Quanetta West to serve as the acting director of the Juvenile Division within the King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention (DAJD), effective June 25, 2022. The attached proposed Motion would, if enacted, approve the extension of my appointment of Quanetta West as acting director of the Juvenile Division through March 23, 2023, as called for by King County Code (KCC) 2.16.110(E).

Ms. West joined King County in 2020 and most recently served as deputy director of the Juvenile Division. Ms. West previously served as a division director at Catholic Charities Housing Services and as Director of Probation at the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services. Her background and recognized leadership skills make her uniquely qualified to serve in this acting capacity. I am grateful for the continued successful leadership of Ms. West.

The position of Juvenile Division director is subject to confirmation by the King County Council per KCC 2.16.110(E). DAJD is in the process of soliciting bids from executive recruitment firms to fill the vacancy. Once a firm is selected, the recruitment will include a competitive search process and per KCC 2.16.110(A), Superior Court judges will participate in the process before a final candidate is selected. The recruitment is expected to be completed by the end of the first quarter in 2023.

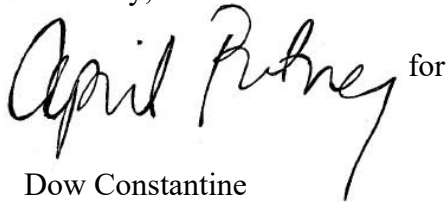
The work to recruit the Juvenile Division director supports the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion.

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If your staff have any questions, please contact Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, at 206-263-9687.

Sincerely,

 for

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