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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 the recommended 2025 budget and work program for A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, approve the budget and work program. King County Council approval of the ARCH budget and work program is required pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement between King County and ARCH authorized by Ordinance 16898 and extended by resolutions of the ARCH Executive Board.

ARCH coordinates with public and private organizations to provide housing policies and programs that address homelessness and the lack of affordable housing in East King County. The coalition efficiently accomplishes this by combining local resources. This proposed legislation would approve the 2025 budget and work program as recommended by the ARCH Executive Board on June 13, 2024. It would serve north and east King County residents by ensuring ARCH has the necessary budgetary authority to operate in 2025 and complete its 2025 work program.

If approved by all parties, the 2025 budget includes a \$44,736 increase (24.4 percent) to King County's ARCH dues, up to \$227,952. The percent of increase in dues for King County matches the average member contribution increase for other ARCH jurisdictions. The added funding will support the organization's increased personnel and operating costs that are needed to implement the 2024 strategic plan. ARCH's overall budget increased 20.9 percent from 2024 to 2025.

While most of the 2025 work program continues the work from 2024, additional priorities include:

- completing a study of ARCH's legal and governance structure to streamline processes and better advance ARCH's mission

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- implementing annual engagement efforts with ARCH member stakeholders to increase knowledge and understanding of affordable housing in the region.
- facilitating and advancing proposals for dedicated revenue sources for affordable housing in east King County
- pursuing partnerships and advancing the development of high impact special projects, including transit-oriented development projects and other projects on public lands

This proposed legislation reflects the collaboration of multiple local governments pooling resources for efficient and strategic spending. This approach directly supports the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Five Year Action Plan strategy to support the creation and operation of subregional collaborations to increase and preserve affordable housing in King County.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion. If your staff have any questions, please contact Kelly Rider, Director, King County Department of Community and Human Services, at 206-263-5780.

Sincerely,



for

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Enclosure

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