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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:

I am pleased to transmit to you a proposed Motion, that would if approved, establish policy and operational priorities for the long-term planning and implementation of King County's civic campus planning initiative. The proposed Motion would ensure that activities and actions related to the redevelopment of the County's downtown campus would be guided by a shared set of priorities between the executive and legislative branches of County government. This also includes accompanying relocations of core county functions like courts and corrections.

In response to the Council's 2015 budget Proviso in Ordinance 18110 to undertake a comprehensive assessment of existing building conditions and future space needs for downtown functions, the Civic Campus Initiative (the Initiative) was established. The Initiative expands on that work, looking forward to 2045 and beyond to identify opportunities to deploy County services, leverage the value of County real estate assets, improve personal safety and security, and better engage and complement the surrounding neighborhoods. The Executive finalized the Civic Campus Initiative Plan following extensive outreach and engagement processes, which included convening partners from community, government, academia, and industry. The Civic Campus Initiative Plan was shared it with the Council in July 2024 during a briefing of the Council's Regional Policy Committee.

Now that the visioning process has concluded and given the long-term nature of such transformative and impactful infrastructure projects, the proposed Motion provides for short-, mid-, and long-term actions to occur under a clear set of guiding priorities.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed motion. I look forward to working with the Council on the next phases of work around our Civic Campus Initiative.

The Honorable Dave Upthegrove

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If your staff have questions, please contact Calli Knight, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, Executive Department, at 206-477-9627.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dow Constantine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular flourish at the end.

for

Dow Constantine
King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers
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