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

Dear Councilmember Gossett:

This letter transmits an ordinance recommending approval of seven interagency lease agreements to renew the existing occupancies of Medic One facilities at local fire department and city facilities in south King County.

The King County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system, publicly known as Medic One, is an integrated publicly funded partnership that provides essential emergency services within King County. Since 1979, Medic One has saved countless lives, tripling the survival rate of victims of cardiac arrest. The King County EMS Master Plan and its associated location analyses have demonstrated that locating Medic One facilities at local fire department and city facilities provides improved paramedic response to those cities.

In July 2007, King County enacted Ordinance 15861 authorizing a special election regarding continued funding for Medic One emergency medical services. The voters of King County approved this levy, which authorizes King County to collect revenues described in the levy for six consecutive years beginning January 1, 2008, and ending December 31, 2013. Expenditures authorized by the levy are described in RCW 84.52.069 and include the provision of facilities.

The King County Executive has negotiated seven EMS interagency lease agreements to continue occupancy at fire district facilities within Auburn, Des Moines, Enumclaw, Federal Way and Kent, and city property adjacent to fire stations within the cities of Renton and SeaTac. Renewal of these agreements is subject to continued funding of the EMS operating levy in the November 2013 general election and as scheduled thereafter. The agreements have been executed by the individual districts or cities and have been approved as to form by the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

The proposed interagency lease agreements further the goals of the King County Strategic Plan by serving the public, building lasting regional partnerships, and avoiding the expense of the County providing its own EMS facilities.

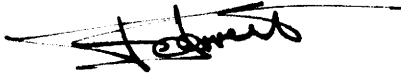
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Thank you for your consideration of this ordinance. This important legislation will ensure that King County residents continue to receive essential emergency services. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kathy Brown, Director, Facilities Management Division, at 206-296-0630.

Sincerely,



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