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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 a proposed emergency supplemental appropriation ordinance that, if enacted, would authorize King County to continue to fund critical COVID-19 response efforts.

This is the third COVID-19 supplemental appropriation request I have transmitted to the King County Council. On Sunday, March 1, a Proclamation of Emergency in response to COVID-19 enabled extraordinary measures to fight the outbreak, including waiving some procurement protocols and authorizing overtime for King County employees. On May 12, the King County Council approved the second COVID-19 supplemental request, which funded economic recovery efforts, community outreach, and County operations. As the County response shifts from immediate response to recovery, this third proposed appropriation ordinance focuses on continuity of operations, preparedness, and community support.

The third COVID-19 supplemental appropriation request invests in five key areas:

- **Community health and safety** through funding bulk purchase of face coverings and hand sanitizer. This ordinance includes expanded testing and tracing efforts through Public Health, as well as funding for community-based organizations to curb violence associated with COVID-19.
- **Regional food security** through supporting the food supply chain. The proposed budget includes support for food security access programs for those struggling, funding for foodbanks to increase capacity, and grant opportunities for farms to purchase equipment necessary for healthy work environments.
- **Housing stability and homelessness** through relief funding for shelter and housing providers, as well as eviction and foreclosure assistance.

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- **King County's COVID-19 response** through continued support of recovery site leases, expanded staff capacity for Public Health's emergency response operations, and purchase of sanitation supplies.
- **King County employees and continuity of county operations** through enhancing and upgrading King County internet and internal technology infrastructures, and expanding Court capacity through video and other technology updates.

Please note that these appropriation requests rely on initial cost estimates which may be revised. We are actively seeking state and federal reimbursement for all COVID-19 related expenses.

This work furthers the goal of the King County Strategic Plan to improve the health and well-being of people in our community.

I certify that funds are available.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dow Constantine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line at the end.

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers
ATTN: Carolyn Busch, Chief of Staff
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