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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:

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. 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 leadership of Ms. West. The attached proposed Motion would, if enacted, approve the extension of my appointment of Quanetta West as acting director of the Juvenile Division through May 22, 2023, as called for by King County Code (K.C.C.) 2.16.110(E).

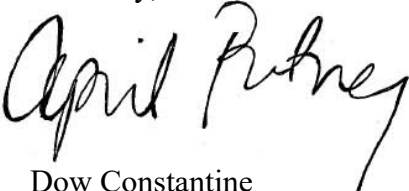
The position of Juvenile Division director is subject to confirmation by the King County Council per K.C.C 2.16.110(E). In order to fill the vacancy, DAJD has contracted with Motus, an experienced executive search firm, to run the recruitment. Per K.C.C. 2.16.110(A), the superior court judges will participate in the process before a final candidate is selected. The job announcement will open by mid-February and the recruitment is expected to be completed by the end of the first quarter this year.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion.

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If your staff have any questions, please contact Dwight Dively, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Executive, at 206-263-9687.

Sincerely,

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