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The Honorable Cynthia Sullivan  
Chair, King County Council  
Room 1200  
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Dear Councilmember Sullivan:

The enclosed ordinance and contract amendment, if approved, will allow the Sheriff's office to provide additional revenue-backed enhanced law enforcement services to the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe. We respectfully request that the Council expedite the approval of this ordinance so that the County can receive over \$700,000 in revenue for 2003.

King County, through the King County Sheriff's Office, (KCSO) has provided enhanced law enforcement services to the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe since 2000. The enhanced law enforcement services provided under contract improve public safety, community policing programs, and response times on tribal property. Enhanced services do not reduce the County's obligation to provide basic services to the area, and are provided at no cost to King County (i.e., they are revenue backed).

In 2003, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe requested that the KCSO increase the number of dedicated staff from two deputies to six deputies and one sergeant. The additional deputies will improve our ability to provide community policing activities in tribal schools and neighborhoods. Further, having six deputies should permit 24/7 staffing, enabling proactive work during the nighttime hours. The dedicated sergeant will manage relations with the Tribe, and will supervise the work of the deputies; having this position improves law enforcement and avoids putting an additional burden on the precinct patrol sergeants. This position is required by the amendment if the Tribe chooses to have five or more deputies assigned to the contract.

Staffing the Muckleshoot Tribe contract at this high level also will benefit the citizens of unincorporated King County, by placing back-up officers nearer to the primary responding deputies. These cross-dispatching policies are a significant improvement for citizen and officer life safety concerns.



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The contract amendment also provides for reimbursement for supervision done by precinct sergeants in the absence of the dedicated sergeant. This reimbursement was calculated using the established model authorized for the municipal law enforcement contracts.

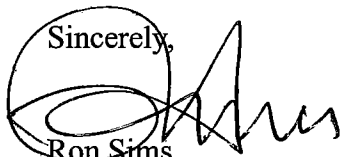
In addition, the amendment requires the Tribe to provide 60 days notification to the County if it intends to adjust the number of officers dedicated to the contract. The existing contract lacked a notification clause.

The amendment also stipulates that the Tribe will begin paying for any added contract positions on the date that a recruit is hired to fill that position. A fully trained deputy will fill the position as quickly as possible, because the contract area is not suitable for recruit field training. This is a clarification of current practice.

Finally, the amendment extends the termination clause to 12 months. This will allow the County and Tribe to develop adequate transition plans in the case of a termination.

In conclusion, the contract allows us to provide needed law enforcement services to the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe. The amendment under consideration expands that contract to improve service and the contract terms, and allow the Tribe to add additional revenue-backed staff in the future. Permitting this amendment will provide for over \$700,000 in revenue for 2003, and the following years.

Should you or any of your staff have questions concerning this legislation, please contact Captain Debbie Huntsinger, King County Sheriff's Office Contract Services, at (206) 296-4183.

Sincerely,  
  
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King County Executive

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