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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 for the King County Council's consideration the attached proposed Motion which would, if enacted, confirm Jeneva Cotton as Director of the Juvenile Division of the King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention consistent with King County Code (KCC) 2.16.110. The enclosed materials comprise the full set of confirmation documents as established by code and practice.

After an extensive search process, including the participation of the Superior Court judges, as required by KCC 2.16.110(A), Ms. Cotton was selected as Juvenile Division Director, effective July 8, 2023. Ms. Cotton most recently served as Director of the Civil Residential Treatment Facilities for the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). Prior to her work with DSHS, Ms. Cotton worked for the Washington State Department of Corrections for 23 years, where she held a variety of agency leadership roles, including Prisons Deputy Director.

Ms. Cotton possesses a strong history of proud public service and a deep understanding of community corrections, mental health services, emergency response, and evidence-based programming. It is therefore my great pleasure to request the confirmation of Jeneva Cotton as the Director of the Juvenile Division of the King County Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention. Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion.

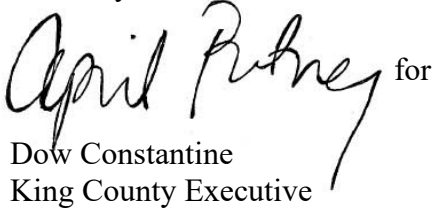
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If your staff have questions, please contact Allen Nance, Director, Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention, at 206-263-1574.

Sincerely,

 for
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King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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Jeneva Cotton, Director Designee, DAJD, Juvenile Division