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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 the recommended 2023 budget and work plan for ARCH A Regional Coalition for Housing, and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, approve the budget and work plan. Pursuant to the interlocal agreement between King County and ARCH A Regional Coalition for Housing authorized by Ordinance 16898 and extended by resolutions of the ARCH executive board, King County Council approval of the ARCH budget and work plan is required.

ARCH coordinates with other public and private organizations to provide housing policies and programs that address homelessness and the lack of affordable housing. The coalition efficiently accomplishes this by combining local resources. This proposed legislation would approve the budget and work plan as recommended by the ARCH executive board on June 9, 2022. It would serve north and east King County residents by ensuring ARCH has the necessary budgetary authority to operate in 2023 and complete its 2023 work plan. The parties of this interlocal agreement share a common goal to ensure the availability of housing affordable to people at all income levels in north and east King County.

If approved by all parties, the 2023 budget includes a \$35,957 increase to King County's ARCH dues, to \$160,957. This increase reflects King County's proportionate share of ARCH's overall 26 percent budget increase from 2022 to 2023, which ARCH reviewed with the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) before its passage by the ARCH executive board. I expect to account for this contribution increase in my 2023-24 biennial budget.

ARCH's 2023 budget addresses needs for greater staff capacity to support local housing programs that increase access to affordable housing. It also expands planning support during comprehensive plan updates to help member jurisdictions plan for the range of housing needs called for by the Growth Management Act and Countywide Planning Policies, and improves

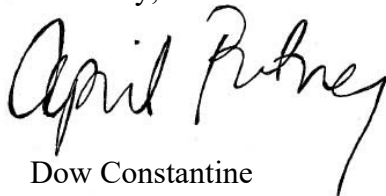
reporting on jurisdictions' affordable housing production. King County's higher contribution in 2023 will enable ARCH to partner with King County to preserve affordable homes with expiring covenants in unincorporated areas.

This proposed legislation reflects the collaboration of multiple local governments which are pooling resources for efficient and strategic spending. This approach directly supports the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Five-Year Action Plan strategy to support the creation and operation of sub-regional collaborations to increase and preserve affordable housing.

The work of ARCH also aligns with the King County Strategic Plan goal to increase access to quality housing that is affordable to all. In addition, it advances the King County Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan's pro-equity policy agenda to address housing affordability and homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion. If your staff have any questions, please contact Leo Flor, Director, King County Department of Community and Human Services, at 206-477-4384.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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