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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 first of three reports as called for by Ordinance 19210, Section 18, as amended by Ordinance 19318, Section 2, Proviso P4 and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, acknowledge receipt of the report.

As required, the enclosed report is the first of three reports on progress toward addressing the civil and criminal court case backlog resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and progress on addressing new eviction cases after the state eviction moratorium is lifted. The report includes a baseline definition of how the backlog of criminal and civil cases that resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic are being addressed with resources supported in Ordinance 19318. Resources to address the backlog were appropriated to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office, the Department of Public Defense, King County Superior Court, the Department of Judicial Administration, and King County District Court. The report also includes several measures that track progress towards addressing the backlog.

The Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget collaborated with each affected agency to develop a common definition of pandemic-related backlog and to determine measures that will indicate progress across agencies.

Addressing the legal system backlog supports the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government.

It is estimated that production of this report required 60 staff hours to produce, costing \$5,250.

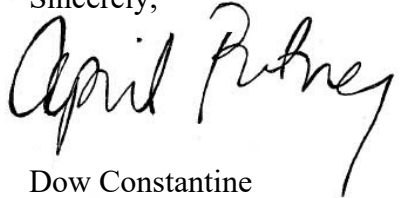
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Thank you for your review of this report. If your staff have any questions, please contact Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget at 206-263-9687.

Sincerely,

 for

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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