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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:

On May 29, 2021, I appointed Dennis Worsham to serve as the acting Director of Public Health – Seattle & King County. This acting appointment was made after consultation with City of Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan. Mr. Worsham has served the community well during this time of great challenges in public health.

When a person is serving as an interim director, King County Code 2.16.110 requires that a Motion be approved by the King County Council for the interim director to serve every 60 days after 150 days. Mr. Worsham's current appointment will expire on December 24, 2021. The attached proposed Motion would, if enacted, approve the extension of my appointment of Dennis Worsham as interim director of Public Health – Seattle & King County through February 23, 2022.

The Code requires the Council to approve the Motion if the Executive provides information showing that a job search for a qualified permanent director is underway. Earlier this year, the County and the City formed a Community Advisory Committee consisting of 15 public health stakeholders, including representatives from both the King County and City of Seattle Councils. The Advisory Committee has finished its work on input into developing the candidate profile and qualifications. We are in the process of selecting a vendor to assist with running the recruitment. The current timeline plans for the job to be posted by January of next year.

The work of the Advisory Committee reflects the King County Strategic Plan guiding principle of regional collaboration, engaging with partners, stakeholders, and public and private organizations to achieve our goals. It also supports the Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government.

I am grateful for the continued leadership of Mr. Worsham. Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion.

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If your staff have any questions, please contact Jay Osborne, Director, Department of Human Resources, at 206-477-3628.

Sincerely,

 for

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers
ATTN: Janine Weihe, Acting Chief of Staff
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