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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 former City of Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan. Mr. Worsham has served King County and the community well during this time of great public health challenges.

The enclosed proposed Motion would, if enacted, approve the extension of my appointment of Dennis Worsham as acting director of Public Health – Seattle & King County through June 23, 2022, as called for by King County Code 2.16.110.E.

In 2021, King County and the City of Seattle 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 developed a candidate profile and qualifications for the position of Director of Public Health – Seattle & King County. The job announcement was posted the week of February 21, 2022, and is scheduled to close on April 4, 2022. Candidate screening and first and second round interviews are scheduled for mid-April, with final interviews, staff meet and greets, and background and reference checks planned for May.

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.

The Honorable Claudia Balducci

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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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Dennis Worsham, Acting Director, Public Health – Seattle & King County