



## King County

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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 proposed third omnibus supplemental Ordinance of the 2021-2022 biennium. The proposed legislation includes changes to operating and capital improvement program (CIP) budgets, as well as requested updates to proviso and expenditure restriction language. Details are provided in the narrative table included in this package.

The proposed supplemental totals approximately \$380 million in operating and capital investments, as well as expenditure adjustments reflecting higher costs and technical adjustments. The increase proposed for County General Fund expenditures is approximately \$10 million, of which \$6 million is revenue backed. The balance, approximately \$4 million, is funded through improved regional sales tax collection estimates and fund balance. The total expenditure increase proposed for funds other than the County's General Fund is approximately \$370 million. The total proposed capital budget appropriation is \$36 million.

The proposed Ordinance includes expenditures in the following areas:

- *Accelerating restoration of fish habitat:* Adding 10.0 FTE positions to work on fish passage in the Departments of Natural Resources and Local Services.
- *Prosecuting hate crimes:* Adding 2.0 FTE positions in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to launch a dedicated team addressing hate crime cases, which have been growing in King County since 2014. The team will review and file cases; meet with and support hate crime victims; engage with community; and provide training and coordination with law enforcement. This investment will address the disproportionate impact of biased crimes on BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities and meet commitments to equity and social justice and to public safety.
- *Preserving residential treatment beds:* Using King County's Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Fund resources, along with funding from the Washington State Department of Commerce, to purchase and renovate Cascade Hall, a behavioral

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health residential treatment facility with 64 beds, to preserve critical behavioral health treatment capacity in King County.

- *Translating elections materials into Somali and Russian:* In accordance with the recommendations of the language access report transmitted to the King County Council by King County Elections in January 2022, resources are provided to translate elections materials into two additional languages, bringing the number of languages election materials are translated into to six.

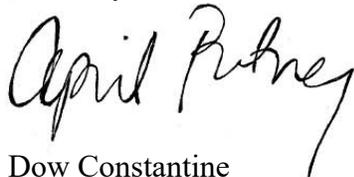
The legislation also includes proposed changes to three Proviso due dates and other changes as described in the enclosed materials.

This proposed Ordinance supports the King County Strategic Plan objective to exercise sound financial management and build King County's long-term fiscal strength.

I certify that funds are available.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed legislation. 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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King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: King County Councilmembers

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