



## 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:

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 then City of Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan. Mr. Worsham has served King County and the community well during this time of great public health challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 August 22, 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 vacant position. The job announcement closed on April 4, 2022. Candidate screening and first-round interviews have been conducted. Final interviews, staff meet and greets, and background and reference checks are occurring through the month of May. We anticipate making an offer to the final candidate in June.

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.

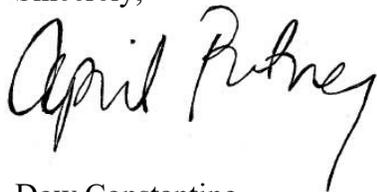
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If your staff have any questions, please contact Jay Osborne, Director, Department of Human Resources, at 206-477-3628.

Sincerely,

 for

Dow Constantine  
King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Stephanie Cirkovich, Chief of Staff  
Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

The Honorable Bruce Harrell, Mayor of Seattle

ATTN: Monisha Harrell, Senior Deputy Mayor

Kimberly Loving, Interim Director, Department of Human Resources

Shannon Braddock, Chief of Staff, Office of the Executive

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Whitney Abrams, Chief People Officer, Office of the Executive

Jay Osborne, Director, Department of Human Resources

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