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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 Landlord Outreach Plan required by Ordinance 19311, Section 19.B.2, and a proposed Motion that, if approved, would acknowledge the plan. This plan outlines steps the County will take to expand landlords' knowledge of tenant protections in King County Code.

Since 2018, state and local landlord-tenant laws have changed significantly. In this time period, King County passed Ordinances 18708 and 19311, barring source of income discrimination and establishing just cause eviction in unincorporated King County. State laws have also incorporated new elements over the past several years, including source of income discrimination, eviction reform payment plans, right to counsel, and just cause evictions. Conducting outreach to local landlords about recent changes will help ensure more robust implementation of these laws.

I commit to utilizing currently available County resources to reach landlords and seek to ensure they understand the tenant protections in the King County Code. King County staff will create a handout detailing the County's landlord-tenant laws and resources available to landlords. King County staff will also distribute this handout to local landlord and real estate organizations like the Rental Housing Association of Washington (RHAWA), the Washington Multi-Family Housing Association (WMFHA), and landlords served by the King County Eviction Prevention and Rental Assistance Program (EPRAP) who operate in unincorporated King County. I have directed staff to complete these tasks by the fourth quarter of 2022.

This plan furthers the goal of the King County Strategic Plan to increase access to quality housing that is affordable to all by increasing housing stability for low-income families through ensuring landlords are aware of their obligations required under the King County Code. The plan aligns with the King County Equity and Social Justice Initiative and the County's pro-equity policy agenda for access to safe and stable housing for all.

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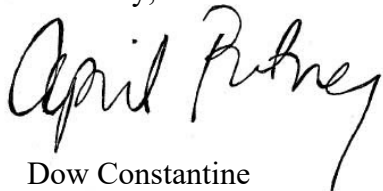
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Production of this report required an estimated 100 hours of staff time, costing approximately \$11,040.

Thank you for your consideration of this plan and proposed Motion.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Leo Flor, Director, Department of Community and Human Services, at 206-477-4384.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers
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