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Master Labor Agreement (MLA) - Appendix 37 1 **Agreement Between King County** 2 And 3 **Public Safety Employees Union** 4 **King County Civic Television (CTV)** 5 [430] 6 7 These articles constitute an Agreement, the terms of which have been negotiated in good 8 faith, between King County (the County) and the Public Safety Employees Union (the Union). This 9 Agreement shall be subject to approval by Ordinance by the Metropolitan County Council of King 10 County, Washington. 11 ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE 12 Section 1.1. The intent and purpose of this Agreement is to promote the continued 13 improvement of the relationship between the County and its employees by providing a uniform basis 14 for implementing the right of public employees to join organizations of their own choosing, and to be 15 represented by such organizations in matters concerning their employment relations with the County 16 and to set forth the wages, hours, and other working conditions of such employees in appropriate 17 bargaining units provided the County has authority to act on such matters. 18 Section 1.2. Wherever words denoting a specific gender are used in this Agreement, they are 19 intended and shall be construed so as to apply equally to either gender. 20 Section 1.3. In addition to the Master Labor Agreement (MLA) wage provisions that apply to 21 the bargaining unit, the unit is also eligible for the Military Leave (MLA Article 2), Leave for 22 Volunteer Service (MLA Article 4), Paid Parental Leave (MLA Article 7), Professional Development 23 (MLA Article 12), Economic Equity (MLA Article 28) and Coalition of Unions Incentive Pay (MLA 24 Article 29) wage related provisions. 25 Section 1.4. MLA wage provision that does not apply to the bargaining unit is FMLA (MLA 26 27 Article 11.1). Section 1.5. The MLA working condition that apply to the bargaining unit are: Public 28

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Disclosure Request (MLA Article 19), Union Engagement (MLA Article 21) and Union Leave (MLA Article 22).

Section 1.6. The MLA working conditions that do not apply to the bargaining unit are: All working conditions, if any, under the wage articles listed in Section 1.3 herein, Unpaid Leaves of Absence (MLA Article 3), Supported Employment Program (MLA Article 13), Reclassification and Resulting Pay (MLA Article 14, except Section 14.1.2), Special Duty (MLA Article 15), Contracting Out (MLA Article 16), TLT Positions (MLA Article 17), Job Posting (MLA Article 18), Grievance Procedure (MLA Article 26) and Discipline and Discharge (MLA Article 27).

Section 1.7. The MLA non-superseding articles that do not apply to the bargaining unit are: Safety Gear and Equipment Allowance (MLA Article 32), After Hours Support (MLA Article 33) and Working Out of Class (MLA Article 37).

ARTICLE 2: UNION RECOGNITION AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 2.1. The County recognizes Public Safety Employees Union as representing those employees whose job classifications are listed in the attached Wage Addendum.

Section 2.2. *Union Security:* It shall be a condition of employment that all regular full-time and regular part-time employees who are members of the Union on the effective date of this Agreement, shall remain members in good standing, or pay an agency fee to the Union for their representation to the extent permitted by law.

A. It shall be a condition of employment that regular full-time and regular part-time employees, covered by this Agreement and hired on or after its effective date shall, on the thirtieth (30th consecutive) calendar day following such employment, become and remain members in good standing in the Union, or pay an agency fee to the Union for their representation to the extent permitted by law. Employees who hold genuine religious beliefs or tenets which object to membership in the Union, as provided by state and federal law, shall not be required to tender those dues or initiation fees to the Union as a condition of employment. Such employee shall pay an amount of money equivalent to regular Union dues and initiation fee to a non-religious charity mutually agreed upon between the public employee and the Union. The employee shall furnish written proof that payment to the agreed upon non-religious charity has been made. If the employee

and the Union cannot agree on the non-religious charity, the Public Employment Relations

Commission shall designate the charitable organization. It shall be the obligation of the employee requesting or claiming the religious exemption to notify the Union that he/she is eligible for such exemption.

B. All initiation fees and dues paid either to the Union or charity shall be for non-political purposes.

Section 2.3. *Dues Deduction:* Upon receipt of written authorization individually signed by a bargaining unit employee, the County shall have deducted from the pay of such employee the amount of dues as certified by the secretary of the Union and shall transmit the same to the treasurer of the signatory organization.

A. The Union will indemnify, defend and hold the County harmless against any claims made and against any suit instituted against the County on account of any check-off of dues for the signatory organization. The Union agrees to refund to the County any amounts paid to it in error on account of check-off provision upon presentation of proper evidence thereof.

Section 2.4. *Union Membership - Informational Form:* The County will require all new employees, hired in a position included in the bargaining unit to sign a form, which will inform them of the Union's exclusive recognition.

Section 2.5. Bargaining Unit Roster: The County will transmit to the Union a current listing of all employees in the bargaining unit within thirty (30) days of request for same but not to exceed twice per calendar year. Such list shall include the name of the employee, classification, department and salary.

ARTICLE 3: MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Section 3.1. The management and the direction of the work force is vested exclusively in the County subject to the terms of this Agreement. All matters not specifically and expressly covered or treated by the language of this Agreement may be administered for its duration by the County in accordance with such policy or procedure as from time to time may be determined by the County. Such functions of the Employer include, but are not limited to:

A. recruit, examine, select, promote, transfer and train Employees of its choosing, and

to determine the times and methods and means of such actions;

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Section 5.2. Except as provided under MLA Article 9, employees who are eligible for leave
benefits may accrue up to sixty (60) days (420 hours) of vacation leave. The calculation of sixty (60)
days (420 hours) is pro-rated for part-time regular employees. Employees must use vacation leave in
excess of the maximum accrual amount on or before the last day of the pay period that includes
December 31 of each year. The employee's appointing authority may approve a carryover of excess
vacation leave for reasons such as cyclical work loads or work assignments. The employee must
submit a request for excess vacation carryover to the employee's appointing authority before
November 30th of each year. An approved request will be processed by the employee's department.

Section 5.4. The Station Manager or designee shall be responsible for scheduling the vacations of his/her employees in such a manner as to achieve the most efficient functioning of King County Civic Television. No person shall be permitted to work for compensation for the County in

the ratio of hours actually worked (less overtime) to a standard work year.

any capacity during the time of his/her paid vacation from County service.

Section 5.3. Vacation benefits for regular part-time employees will be established based upon

Section 5.6. Any person who is eligible to take accrued vacation leave and separates from County service and who has not taken his or her earned vacation, shall receive the hourly equivalent of salary for each hour of earned vacation, up to the maximum accrual amount of sixty (60) days (420 hours), based on the pay rate in effect for such person on the last day actually worked; except, as provided under MLA Article 9. When separation is caused by death of an employee, payment shall be made to the estate of such employee, or in applicable cases, as provided by State law.

ARTICLE 6: SICK LEAVE

Section 6.1. Sick leave is as provided under MLA Article 34, with the following additions. **Section 6.2.**

- A. Sick leave for hourly employees may be applied to absence caused by illness or injury of an employee. Sick leave may be used for medical, dental or eye appointments when absence during work hours for this purpose is authorized by the Station Manager or designee.
- **B.** For salaried employees, sick leave will be used in full day increments. Illness of less than one day and medical, dental or eye appointments requiring less than a full day will not be

charged against sick leave.

C. The Council Chief of Staff shall be responsible for administering the sick leave benefit. The employee may be required to furnish a certificate issued by a licensed health physician or other satisfactory health professional as evidence of illness to the appointing authority.

- Section 6.3. KCFML: As provided under MLA Article 11.2.
- Section 6.4. Sick leave shall not be used in lieu of vacation.

Section 6.5. Workers' Compensation: If an employee is injured on the job and requires immediate medical treatment, the employee will be compensated in full for the rest of the workday without being required to use sick leave or vacation leave. The employee can use accrued sick leave if the injury requires the employee to miss any scheduled workdays in the first three (3) calendar days after the injury. Workers' Compensation Payments begin on the fourth (4th) day after the injury and continues during the period of disability. If the employee's disability period extends beyond fourteen (14) calendar days, then accrued leave taken will be reimbursed as determined by the Safety and Claims Management Division. Sick leave pay may be used to supplement industrial insurance benefits in an amount that is necessary to maintain the employee's regular net pay. Any earned vacation leave may be used in a like manner after sick leave is exhausted.

- Section 6.6. Bereavement Leave: As provided under MLA Article 8.
- Section 6.7. Donated Leaves: As provided under MLA Article 6.

ARTICLE 7: WAGE RATES

- Section 7.1. Wage rate: Wages will be as set forth in Addendum A.
- **Section 7.2.** *General Wage Increase (GWI):* The GWI for 2018 is as provided under the Memorandum of Agreement addressing "Total Compensation" Coalition Bargaining 2017-2018 Budget.
- **Section 7.3.** *Step Increases:* All employees will be eligible for annual step increases, to be made effective January 1 of each year.
- **A.** *Video Specialist:* To qualify for a step increase, employees in the Video Specialist classification must be rated "meets standards" or better on the performance appraisal covering the previous year. New employees in the Video Specialist classification will be placed at step five (5) or

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above upon satisfactory completion of the six-month probationary period.

Section 7.4. Work Out of Class: The County may assign an employee to work out of class. When an employee is assigned to work out of class, in writing (such assignments must be in writing), by the Station Manager or his/her designee, to perform the duties of a higher classification for a period of one (1) full work week or more, that employee shall be paid at the first (1st) step of the higher class or a minimum of five percent (5%), whichever is greater, over the wage rate received prior to the assignment, for all time spent while so assigned. Additional compensation shall not exceed the maximum of the wage rate within the range for the assigned classification. The County may assign employees to perform work of a lower classification, but while so assigned, the employee will be paid at the rate of his/her normal classification, consistent with the terms of this Agreement.

Section 7.5. Salary on Promotions: Any employee who is promoted to a higher classification shall receive the beginning step for the higher classification or the next higher salary step as would constitute a minimum of a five percent (5%) increase over the salary received prior to the promotion.

Section 7.6. "Senior" Video Specialist: Employees who are at the top step of the salary range shall be called "Senior" Video Specialist. This is a "working title" only and does not confer any right or classification privilege above or beyond the basic classification of Video Specialist.

ARTICLE 8: OVERTIME AND CALLBACK

Section 8.1. Overtime: Overtime shall be paid after working more than forty (40) hours in a week.

A. The regular schedule of work shall be thirty-five (35) hours in a week or seven (7) hours in a work day, unless the employee is on an alternative work schedule, which has a longer daily shift. No overtime shall be worked unless the employee has received prior approval from his/her supervisor to work the necessary overtime hours.

B. The employee will be allowed to elect to receive either compensatory time or to be paid at the appropriate rate of pay. Employees may accrue up to eighty (80) hours of compensatory time. Employees may continue to accrue additional compensatory time beyond the eighty (80) hours specified herein if, as a result of cyclical workloads or work assignments, the employee is unable to

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take accrued compensatory time or the taking of compensatory time would result in an undue hardship for the Employer. Employees must obtain a waiver from the Chief of Staff to be able to accrue compensatory time beyond the eighty (80) hour limit. Compensatory time may not be carried over from one (1) calendar year to the next and will be cashed out at the employee's regular rate of pay at the end of each calendar year. However, if warranted by cyclical workloads or work assignments, the Chief of Staff may permit employees to carry over up to forty (40) hours of accrued compensatory time. Such carried over hours of compensatory time must be used or cashed out by March 31 of the following calendar year.

C. If an emergency necessitates a bargaining unit member to receive telephone calls at home, the calls shall be logged (with respect to time and issue) and the employee receiving such calls shall be paid either straight time or overtime, as required by the provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 9: HOURS OF WORK

Section 9.1. The standard workweek shall consist of five (5) consecutive work days not to exceed seven (7) hours each and not to exceed thirty-five (35) hours per week and shall normally be scheduled Monday through Friday.

Section 9.2. Assignment of Work Schedules: The establishment of reasonable work schedules and starting times is vested solely within the purview of the County and may be changed from time to time provided a sixteen (16) -hour notice of change is given, except in those circumstances over which the County cannot exercise control. PROVIDED: the required 16-hour notification period shall not commence until the employee has received the verbal or written notification of the proposed change. In the exercise of this prerogative, the County will act reasonably and will establish schedules to meet the dictates of the workload, however, nothing contained herein will permit split shifts. Employee schedules will allow for a minimum of two (2) consecutive days off.

Section 9.3. Alternative Work Schedules: With management approval, work schedules may be altered upon written request of the employee. If such written request is denied by management, the employee may request to meet with management to discuss the reasons for the denial.

Management's decision to deny a change in work schedule shall not be grievable under the grievance

procedure set forth in this Agreement.

Section 9.4. *Rest/Meal Periods:* Employees covered by the Agreement shall receive two (2) ten (10)-minute paid rest periods and a one (1) hour unpaid lunch period except when in conflict with the operational needs of the County.

ARTICLE 10: INSURED BENEFITS, HRA AND VEBA

As provided under MLA Article 25.

ARTICLE 11: MISCELLANEOUS

Section 11.1. Reimbursement for Personal Transportation: As provided under MLA Article 24.

Section 11.2. *Employee Personnel Files:* The official personnel file maintained by the County shall be available for review by the employee upon request during normal business hours. No information of a disciplinary nature will be placed in that file without notice provided to the employee.

Section 11.3. *Jury Duty:* An employee required by law to serve on jury duty shall continue to receive salary and shall be relieved of regular duties. If operationally feasible, the employee will be assigned to the day shift for the period of time necessary for such assignment duty. The fees, exclusive of mileage, paid by the Court for jury duty shall be forwarded to the Comptroller. When an employee is notified to serve on jury duty, he/she will inform his/her immediate supervisor as soon as possible, but not later than two (2) weeks in advance, regarding the dates of absence from regular duties. The supervisor will ensure that the employee is relieved of regular duties a minimum of sixteen (16) hours prior to the time of reporting for jury duty.

When the employee is dismissed from jury duty, the employee is required to contact his/her supervisor immediately. The supervisor will instruct the employee when to report to work, PROVIDED: there must be a minimum of twelve (12) hours between the time the employee is dismissed from his/her total required assignment to jury duty and the time he/she must report for regular duties. In the event of a break during jury service of one day or more, employees shall return to work during those full day breaks.

Section 11.4. Use of County Bulletin Boards and Electronic Devices: As provided under

MLA Article 23.

Section 11.5. *Biweekly Pay:* The right to define and implement a new payroll system, including but not limited to a biweekly payroll system, is vested exclusively in the Employer. Implementation of such system may include a conversion of wages and leave benefits into hourly amounts and the parties recognize the Employer's exclusive right to make the changes necessary to implement such payroll system.

Section 11.6. *Open Positions/Promotions:* Announcements regarding recruitment for vacancies will be made to employees covered by this Agreement one week prior to general open announcement. Employees covered by this Agreement will be given an opportunity to participate and will be granted a first level interview; provided, the employee meets the minimum qualifications for the open position.

Section 11.7. Transportation Benefits: As provided under MLA Article 38.

Section 11.8. *Joint Labor/Management Safety Committee:* Within sixty (60) days after the Metropolitan King County Council approves this Collective Bargaining Agreement, the parties agree to establish a Joint Labor/Management Safety Committee to address safety issues in the workplace.

Section 11.9. *Unfair Labor Practice (ULP):* The parties agree that thirty (30) days prior to filing a ULP complaint with the Public Employment Relations Commission (PERC), the complaining party will notify the other party, in writing, meet, and make a good faith attempt to resolve the concerns unless the deadline for filing with PERC would otherwise pass or the complaining party is seeking a temporary restraining order as relief for the alleged ULP.

Section 11.10. *Performance Appraisals:* Performance appraisals will be conducted annually. Performance appraisals, ratings, and decisions on salary/step progression will be based on the recommendation of the station manager, with final approval by the Director of Communications. Performance appraisals and/or decisions regarding salary/step progression are final and not subject to the dispute resolution process under this Agreement.

Section 11.11. *Probationary Period:* All newly hired employees will serve a six (6)-month probationary period.

ARTICLE 12: DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

Section 12.1. Except as provided in this Article, no non-probationary employee shall be suspended, demoted, or terminated for other than just cause.

Section 12.2. Suspension, demotion or termination actions which are, in the Chief of Staff's judgment, based upon the professional competence of an employee are not subject to Section 1 of this Article; such decisions of the Chief of Staff shall be final and are not subject to the dispute resolution procedures outlined in Section 3 of this Article. For purposes of this Article, "professional competence" shall include any aspect of an employee's work performance other than specific incidents of misconduct.

Section 12.3. *Grievance/Arbitration/Mediation:* The parties agree to the grievance procedure as provided under MLA Article 26, with the following modifications.

A. Supervisor shall mean Chief Policy Officer, Department Director shall mean the Chief of Staff, and a STEP 3 grievance shall be directed to the Employment and Administration Committee and placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Such meeting shall begin the fifteen (15) calendar day period to meet with the Union as described in STEP 3, subsection 1...

ARTICLE 13: SAVINGS CLAUSE

As provided under MLA Article 30.

ARTICLE 14: WORK STOPPAGES AND EMPLOYER PROTECTION

Section 14.1. The County and the Union agree that the public interest requires efficient and uninterrupted performance of all County services and to this end pledge their best efforts to avoid or eliminate any conduct contrary to this objective. Specifically, the Union shall not cause or condone any work stoppage, including any strike, slowdown, or refusal to perform any customarily assigned duties, sick leave absence which is not bona fide, or other interference with County functions by employees under this Agreement and should same occur, the Union agrees to take appropriate steps to end such interference. Any concerted action by any employees in any bargaining unit shall be deemed a work stoppage if any of the above activities have occurred.

Section 14.2. Upon notification in writing by the County to the Union that any of its members are engaged in a work stoppage, the Union shall immediately, in writing, order such

members to immediately cease engaging in such work stoppage and provide the County with a copy of such order. In addition, if requested by the County, a responsible official of the Union shall publicly order such Union employees to cease engaging in such work stoppage.

Section 14.3. *Disciplinary Action:* Any employee who commits any act prohibited in this Article will be subject to the following action or penalties:

- 1. Discharge;
- 2. Suspension or other disciplinary action as may be applicable to such employee.

ARTICLE 15: WAIVER CLAUSE

The parties acknowledge that each has had the unlimited right within the law and the opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any matter deemed a proper subject for collective bargaining. The results of the exercise of the right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. Therefore, the County and the signatory organization, for the duration of the Agreement, each agree to waive the right to oblige the other party to bargain with respect to any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 16: REDUCTION-IN-FORCE

Section 16.1. Layoffs for lack of funds, lack of work, or restructuring of the organization are a management prerogative and within the sole discretion of the County, and shall not be subject to the dispute resolution provisions of Article 12 of this Agreement. If layoffs are to occur, the County agrees to meet with the Union to discuss the layoff(s) as soon as reasonably possible. The County further agrees to provide written notice to individual employee(s) to be laid off at least four (4) weeks prior to the effective date of the layoff, if possible. An employee who is laid off but subsequently rehired by the County into the CTV work group within two (2) years of the layoff shall have restored all sick leave accrued at the time of such layoff, and shall accrue vacation leave benefits at the same rate as when the layoff occurred; additionally, the employee's anniversary date shall reflect the full amount of service to the County.

Section 16.2. Layoff within classification will be conducted in accordance with performance and based upon three (3) years prior performance appraisals. In the event that two (2) or more employees have equivalent performance appraisals, the least senior employee (with equivalent

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Addendum A Public Safety Employees Union King County Civic Television Wage Addendum

Video Specialist: (Job Class Code: 0000794; PeopleSoft Job Code: 000794)

(35 hours per week) 5% Step

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1,525.69	1,601.98	1,682.08	1,766.20	1,854.50	1,947.23	2,044.60
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