



March 8, 2018

The Honorable Joe McDermott Chair, King County Council Room 1200 C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember McDermott:

I am pleased to transmit to you the King County Elections 2017 Year in Review. This report includes our accomplishments and information about the previous year's elections, and is responsive to KCC 2.18.100, which requires that the Director of Elections submit a report by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

Specifically, the code requires that the report include:

- Detailed costs of conducting and administering special, primary and general elections in the county;
- Voter turnout data for the most-recent ten years for all special, primary and general elections;
- Accuracy data as measured by ballot reconciliation figures including, but not limited to, those required by Washington state law to be reported to the Secretary of State;
- Information about voters' pamphlets; and
- Information about developing trends in the elections department, which incorporates on-going reforms and continuous improvement programs.

Enclosed is the Elections 2017 Year in Review comprehensive report with appendices including the information bulleted above. Also available online is our high-level <u>Year in Review</u>.

I am very proud of the work we did in 2017, in particular the replacement of our tabulation system, prepaid postage pilots and the Voter Education Fund. Thank you for your continued partnership and support. I hope you find the enclosed report helpful and informative.

Sincerely,

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Julie Wise Elections Director

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers <u>ATTN</u>: Grant Lahmann, Chief of Staff Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council Ellen Hansen, Chair, Citizen Elections Oversight Committee