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**King County
Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee**

February 1, 2019

The Honorable Rod Dembowski, Chair
Metropolitan King County Council
516 Third Avenue, Suite 1200
Seattle WA 98104

Dear Chair Dembowski:

On behalf of the members of the Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee (CEOC) I am pleased to transmit our Annual Report for 2018.

The mission you assigned us is "...to help King County maintain public confidence in elections." (Ordinance 18795) The CEOC embraces this mission and observes that King County Elections has made significant ongoing efforts to increase efficiency and to decrease the cost of administering elections. Maintaining public confidence requires a strong collaborative relationship among departmental leadership, the CEOC, and the King County Council.

Over this last year the CEOC held seven formal committee meetings, and spent significant time observing logic and accuracy tests, ballot processing, and creating a new membership structure for the CEOC. Finally, we can also report that it was a good year for King County Elections, which successfully improved voter access, increasing voter registration and participation.

We commend the King County Council for its leadership related to elections and we look forward to serving you and the voters of King County in 2019.

Sincerely,

Ellen Hansen, Chair, King County Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee

cc: Metropolitan King County Councilmembers
Dow Constantine, King County Executive
Melanie Pedroza, Clerk of the Council
Julie Wise, Director, Department of Elections
Members, Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee