



## 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:

This letter transmits the proposed third omnibus supplemental budget ordinance of the 2019-2020 biennium and includes requests for operating and capital improvement program (CIP) budgets. Included in this ordinance are a variety of direct service, technical, and administrative changes as well as capital investments. Descriptions of specific operating budget items can be found in the narrative table included in this package.

The total increase proposed for county General Fund expenditures is \$17.6 million of which \$1.7 million is revenue backed, and the balance is covered through reserves and fund balance. Proposed General Fund investments include funding for increased screening and treatment for Hepatitis C and other chronic diseases; additional funding for nursing in Jail Health Services, including 24/7 nursing care for high-needs patients; retroactive pay for King County Corrections Guild members, as required by the collective bargaining agreement settled through arbitration in 2019; and additional funding for assigned counsel and expert services in the Department of Public Defense to support increased case filings by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

The total increase in non-General Fund expenditures is \$103.5 million, of which \$100 million is for defeasance of Water Treatment bonds.

The proposed omnibus legislation updates certain proviso deadlines and removes four proviso requirements: a plan to provide medication assistance treatment in the shelter in the west wing of the King County Corrections Facility; a human resources training plan; an Inmate Welfare fund plan previously transmitted; and, two sub are plans. Due to significant ongoing impacts of COVID-19 on the operations and budget of the County, it is not possible to develop a medication assisted treatment plan for the west wing in the current environment. The Inmate Welfare Fund report, along with a proposed motion to (Proposed Motion 201-

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0292) acknowledge receipt of the report, was transmitted as required on June 28, 2019. The proposed motion was referred to the Law and Justice Committee in September, but the motion was not taken up before the end of 2019. Removing the proviso requirement would release the funding associated with the proviso requirement. Under the timeline of the restructured subarea planning program, the North Highline subarea plan and Fall City subarea plan will be submitted in 2021. As a result, it is not feasible to respond to the two provisos that required related plans to be submitted in 2020.

The proposed omnibus budget supplemental ordinance supports the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional government and the objective of sound financial management.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation. If your staff have questions, please contact Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget, at 206-263-9687.

I certify that funds are available.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dow Constantine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Carolyn Busch, Chief of Staff

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

Dwight Dively, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget

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