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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 draft Implementation Plan for the Investment of Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account (PSTAA) Proceeds in response to Motion 15492 and the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 18835, as amended by Ordinance 19022, Section 1, Proviso P1, as amended, and a proposed motion that would, if enacted, approve the plan. Upon Council approval of the corresponding motion, this plan will become the final Implementation Plan for Investment of Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account Proceeds.

The Puget Sound Taxpayer Accountability Account (PSTAA) was created as an amendment to the 2015 State Transportation Revenue Package by the Washington State Legislature. It directs a percentage of sales and use taxes collected from construction projects related to Sound Transit 3 (ST3) to educational services to improve educational outcomes in early learning, K-12, and post-secondary education. In King County, this will amount to approximately \$318 million over a 15-year period. Motions 15029 and 15492, passed by the King County Council in 2017 and 2019 respectively, provide guidance for development and implementation of PSTAA programming in King County. Building on the earlier Motion 15029, Motion 15492 refines the funding categories, and provides specific funding allocations for each funding category. These are:

- Seven percent to evaluation, capacity building, and administration;
- Fifty-two percent of remaining funds for early learning facilities;
- Thirty-eight percent of remaining funds for college, career and technical education; and
- Ten percent of remaining funds for community-based supports for K-12.

As required by Motion 15492, the enclosed draft implementation plan provides a detailed implementation framework for each of these funding categories.

King County Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) staff developed this draft PSTAA implementation plan in consultation with King County Council staff, service providers

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and other stakeholders. DCHS engaged the Children and Youth Advisory Board (CYAB) and three stakeholder workgroups to develop, guide and inform the recommendations outlined throughout this proposed plan. Each workgroup leveraged community efforts undertaken prior to the passage of PSTAA legislation by King County.

Through PSTAA investments, King County has an opportunity to build on current plans and investments. The strategies proposed in this plan are consistent with the King County Strategic Plan's health and human services goals by promoting childhood health and academic skills and reducing disparities, and they align with the Strategic Plan's guiding principle to address root causes of inequities to provide for equal access to opportunities. It also reflects the Health and Human Services Transformation Plan, and the King County Youth Action Plan. Finally, it advances the goals set forth in the Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan and the Best Starts for Kids initiative, ensuring that children and youth grow up healthy and happy, and that communities are strong.

It is estimated that the proposed implementation plan required an estimated 1,000 hours of staff time working with work groups on plan development and writing the draft plan. The total cost to produce the report, including staff time and consultants, was approximately \$145,000.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Council to assure that King County PSTAA strategies advance our common equity and social justice goals and assure that children, families, youth and young adults in our County have the opportunity to thrive. Thank you for your consideration of this proposed plan.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Leo Flor, Director, DCHS, at 206-477-4384.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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