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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 South King Housing and Homelessness Partners' (SKHHP) recommended 2021 budget and 2020-2021 work plan, and a proposed motion that would approve the budget and work plan.

The Interlocal Agreement for South King Housing and Homelessness Partners, authorized by Ordinance 18945, requires County Council approval of the SKHHP budget and work plan for them to become effective. The parties of this interlocal agreement share a common goal to ensure the availability of housing that meets the needs of all income levels in south King County.

SKHHP coordinates with other public and private organizations to provide housing policies and programs that complement efforts to address homelessness and the lack of affordable housing. This legislation would approve the budget and work plan as recommended by the SKHHP Executive Board on July 24, 2020. This action would serve south King County residents by ensuring SKHHP has the necessary budgetary authority to operate in 2021 and complete its 2020-2021 work plan.

This work reflects the collaboration of multiple local governments which are pooling resources for efficient and strategic spending. The work of SKHHP aligns with the King County Strategic Plan's goal to increase access to quality housing that is affordable to all. This approach directly supports the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Five-Year Action Plan strategy to support the creation and operation of sub-regional collaborations to increase and preserve affordable housing. In addition, it advances the King County Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan's pro-equity policy agenda to address housing affordability and homelessness. Finally, this motion also aligns with the 2019-2020 King County Biennial

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Budget Ordinance 18835, Section 101, Expenditure Restriction 4, which directs \$150,000 to support the development of a South King County housing collaboration.

Thank you for your consideration of this motion. This important legislation will help support housing affordability for South King County residents of all income levels.

If your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Leo Flor, Director, King County Department of Community and Human Services, at 206-477-4384.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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