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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 recommended 2021 budget and work plan for ARCH, A Regional Coalition for Housing, and a proposed motion that, if enacted, would approve the budget and work plan.

The Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for ARCH A Regional Coalition for Housing, requires County Council approval of the ARCH budget and work plan for them to become effective. The interlocal agreement was authorized by Ordinance 16898 and has been extended through July 1, 2025, by resolutions of the executive board of A Regional Coalition for Housing, most recently on May 14, 2020. The parties of this interlocal agreement share a common goal to ensure the availability of housing affordable to all income levels in north and east King County.

ARCH coordinates with other public and private organizations to provide housing policies and programs that address homelessness and the lack of affordable housing. The coalition efficiently accomplishes this by combining local resources. This legislation would approve the budget and work plan as recommended by the ARCH executive board on April 20, 2020. It would serve north and east King County residents by ensuring ARCH has the necessary budgetary authority to operate in 2021 and complete its 2021 work plan.

This legislation reflects the collaboration of multiple local governments which are pooling resources for efficient and strategic spending. 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. The work of ARCH also aligns with the King County Strategic Plan's goal to increase access to quality housing that is affordable to all, including its specific strategy to seek innovative partnerships to expand the supply and funding of affordable housing. In addition, it advances

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the King County Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan's pro-equity policy agenda to address housing affordability and homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration of this motion. This important legislation will help make housing available to residents of north and east King County at all income levels through effective regional coordination.

If you 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

cc: King County Councilmembers

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