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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:

I am pleased to transmit for the King County Council's approval the attached motion confirming Patricia Davis as the Director of the Road Services Division of the King County Department of Local Services. A full set of confirmation documents will be submitted to the Council under separate cover.

Established in 2019, the Department of Local Services has become a conduit for enhanced communication between community members in the unincorporated areas of King County and the King County agencies that provide local services. The goal in creating the Department of Local Services was to serve the County's Strategic Plan by following the guiding principle of providing quality local government in the form of effective, efficient local governance and services to unincorporated areas. It speaks to the strategic plan's goal and objective of "Efficient, Accountable Regional and Local Government" by ensuring that County government operates efficiently and effectively and is accountable to the public by aligning funding, policy, and operational goals of King County government with community priorities; optimizing County operations through innovation and continuous improvement; delivering consistent, responsive, equitable, high-quality services to residents, cities, and districts; exercising sound financial and risk management; and building King County's long-term fiscal strength.

Finding a new Road Services Division Director involved a months-long process. Local Services held online panel interviews with candidates and representatives from the Road Services Division, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, and King County councilmembers' offices. The Local Services' Equity and Social Justice Advisory Committee and a group of employees from the various sections within Road Services also met with the candidates and their feedback played a key role in the decision. Ms. Davis impressed both employee panels.

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Ms. Davis is a veteran who served five years in the United States Navy's Surface Warfare Office and, deployed abroad, as an engineering officer on nuclear powered vessels. She has a bachelor's degree from Duke University and a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Washington.

Ms. Davis has been with King County for over 13 years. Most recently she served as the Deputy Director of the Rail Operations Division of the Metro Transit Department. Prior to that she was a Budget Supervisor in the Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget.

She is a proven leader and has a well-earned reputation for leading with King County values and a commitment to racial justice. She is a problem solver, an innovative and strategic thinker, and a perfect fit to help the Road Services Division confront its historic funding challenges and move it into a new era of financial stability.

Her experience and skills suggest she is well prepared to lead the Road Services Division as it meets the challenges of the future. It is my great pleasure to request the confirmation of Patricia Davis as the Director of the Road Services Division of the King County Department of Local Services.

Thank you for your consideration of this motion.

If your staff have any questions, please contact John Taylor, Director, Department of Local Services, at 206-477-4602.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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