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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:

Pursuant to the interlocal agreement between King County and ARCH - A Regional Coalition for Housing authorized by Ordinance 16898, King County Council approval of the ARCH budget and work plan is required. This letter transmits the recommended 2022 budget and work plan for ARCH, A Regional Coalition for Housing, and a proposed Motion that would, if enacted, approve the budget and work plan.

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 June 10, 2021. It would serve north and east King County residents by ensuring ARCH has the necessary budgetary authority to operate in 2022 and complete its 2022 work plan. 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.

If approved by all parties, the proposed budget and work plan will increase King County's annual ARCH dues from \$75,000 to \$125,000 beginning in 2022. This increase will be supported with existing 2021-2022 budget appropriation and will bring King County's dues closer to parity with other ARCH member jurisdictions' contributions. It will support ARCH's efforts to address Regional Affordable Housing Task Force Five-Year Action Plan goals including increasing access to affordable housing.

This legislation reflects the collaboration of multiple local governments that 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 Honorable Claudia Balducci

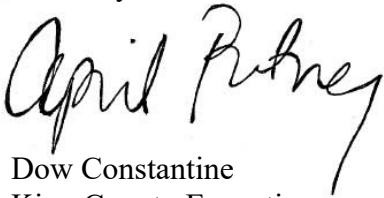
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The work of ARCH also aligns with the King County Strategic Plan goal of accessible, affordable housing. It also advances the King County Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan's pro-equity policy agenda to address housing affordability and homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Motion. If your staff have any questions, please contact Leo Flor, Director, King County Department of Community and Human Services, at 206-477-4384.

Sincerely,

 for

Dow Constantine
King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers
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