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Subject: Proposed Motion 2021-0385
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Honorable King County Councilmembers,

Topic: Proposed Motion 2021-0385

Committee: Law, Justice, Health and Human Services Committee

Meeting date: 11/2/2021

The King County Juvenile Detention Guild is providing comment in response to Proposed Motion 2021-0385. The Guild and staff we represent had the following responses to the Proposed Motion:

1. We have a vested interest in the plan to achieve Zero Youth Detention. We work daily with the youth, families, community providers, court services, teachers, and other involved parties. We continue to request to be more involved in the process; however, we receive little input or meaningful inclusion in the process. There has been no information provided to staff and the Guild in regards to inclusion in any “advisory committee,” and the Guild as the most impacted labor group requests to be included in that committee.
2. The staff continue to have concerns with King Counties directives that staff are no longer part of the “community” as a result of working for King County. Most staff come from the king County communities we represent, and should not forfeit our inclusion into the “community” as a result of working for King County. We are the parents, sons, daughters, coaches, mentors, etc. of the communities in King County to be described as no longer part of the community is an inaccurate narrative.

The Staff represented by the King County Juvenile Detention Guild look forward to creating the best options for the youth we work with, and the community we belong to.

Sincerely,
King County Juvenile Detention Guild