



King County

Community Advisory Committee on Law Enforcement Oversight

401 Fifth Avenue, Room 131

Seattle, WA 98104-1818

September 4, 2018

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

We are the appointed members of King County's Community Advisory Committee on Law Enforcement Oversight. As community representatives, we exchange information and perspectives with the public regarding the provision of police services in King County, we advise OLEO on issues of police practices and civilian oversight, and we advise both the King County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) and the Metropolitan King County Council on issues of equity and social justice. Our role as a committee helps build healthy relationships between the King County Sheriff's Office and the public it serves.

We respectfully request you allocate sufficient funds to fully staff the Office of Law Enforcement Oversight (OLEO) with seven (7) additional full-time employees. The increased headcount is necessary to adequately satisfy the required duties defined by county ordinance 2017-0139, which the Council unanimously passed in June 2017. Deborah Jacobs presented the staffing analysis before the Employment Administration Committee in June 2018. We believe the report makes a strong case for additional staffing necessary to fulfill OLEO's charter.

Providing an adequately staffed OLEO would show constituents your commitment to ensuring effective law enforcement practices in King County. We fully support this recommendation and look forward to the day the charter, as supported by the voters of King County, is fully realized.

Thank you in advance for your attention to our inquiry. We greatly appreciate your consideration and look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Mayor David Baker,
Contract Cities – Kenmore, Position 1

State Representative Mia Gregerson, Co-Chair
At-large, Position 8

Sili Savusa
Unincorporated, Position 5

Abel Pacheco
At-large, Position 9

Joseph Nguyen
Unincorporated, Position 6

Pastor Kenneth Ransfer
At-large, Position 10

Tamika Moss, Co-Chair
Unincorporated, Position 7

Nick Allen
At-large, Position 11

Cc: King County Community Advisory Committee on Law Enforcement Oversight;
King County Office of Law Enforcement Oversight;
King County Executive Dow Constantine;