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October 5, 2015

The Honorable Shari Winstead
City of Shoreline
17500 Midvale Avenue North
Shoreline, WA 98133-4921

Dear Mayor Winstead:

Pursuant to RCW 3.38.040, as Chair of the Metropolitan King County Council I am convening the County's Court Districting Committee.


Under state statute and county code, the Districting Committee is required to regularly review the county's District Court Plan and recommend changes or other amendments.

The King County District Court has asked that the committee consider changes in the District Court Plan that would address three issues: (1) that the plan be amended to incorporate the portion of the City of Auburn located in Pierce County allowing citizens throughout the city to vote for the District Court judges that provide municipal court services to Auburn; (2) similarly, the court has asked that the committee consider removing from the current plan the portion of the City of Bothell that is located in Snohomish County, allowing citizens to vote for Snohomish County judges rather than King County judges; and, (3) that the committee consider small boundary changes between the Southwest and Southeast Electoral Divisions in order to provide for more efficient use of courtroom resources. The court's letter requesting these changes is attached.

You—or your representatives—are invited to a meeting to consider amendments to the county's District Court Plan. The meeting will take place on October 22, 2015 at 2:00 pm at the King County Courthouse, 12th floor Horiuchi Conference Room.

If you have any questions, or are unable to attend, please contact Clifton Curry, King County Council staff, at (206) 477-0877 or clifton.curry@kingcounty.gov. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Larry Phillips, Chair
Metropolitan King County Council

Attachment



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Council Member
Larry Phillips

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**The Honorable Donna Tucker
Chief Presiding Judge**

**Othniel Palomino
Chief Administrative Officer**

August 24, 2015

Honorable Council Chair Phillips,

Pursuant to RCW 3.38.040, the King County District Court respectfully requests that as the Chair of the Metropolitan King County Council, you convene the county's Court Districting Committee.

Under statute and county code, the Districting Committee is required to regularly review the County's District Court Plan and recommend changes or other amendments. At this time the District Court is seeking three important technical corrections to the plan:

1. We are asking that the Districting Committee recommend a change to incorporate the portion of the City of Auburn that is located in Pierce County into the Southwest Electoral Judicial District in King County. Auburn became a contract city for District Court Services in 2012 and all of the citizens of Auburn should be able to elect the judges that hear the cases in their city. We have consulted with the King County Prosecutor's Office and believe that this change is appropriate. We have also consulted with Pierce County District Court Judges and they have no objection to this change.
2. We are asking that the Districting Committee recommend a change to unincorporate the portion of the City of Bothell that is located in Snohomish County from the Northeast Electoral Judicial District in King County. Bothell has not been a contract city for many years. Requiring the filing of cases arising from Snohomish County and the attendance of jurors who reside in Snohomish County for these cases is costly, confusing and serves no good purpose. We have consulted with the King County Prosecutor's Office and believe that this change is appropriate. We have also consulted with

Snohomish County District Court Judges and they have no objection to this change.

3. We are asking that the Districting Committee recommend a change to the boundaries of the Southwest and Southeast Judicial Districts which would remove a small portion of unincorporated King County from the Southeast Electoral Judicial District and add it to the Southwest Electoral Judicial District. By doing so, the Maleng Regional Justice Center would be located within the Southeast Electoral Judicial District and also close enough to the boundary of the Southwest Electoral Judicial District to be legally considered an official courthouse for both Districts. This would align the Districting Plan with the original intent of the County, which was that the Maleng Regional Justice Center be the primary courthouse for South King County.

The Court thanks you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Donna Tucker, Chief Presiding Judge
King County District Court