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King County OLEO Applauds Executive Constantine's

Establishment of the Inquest Process Review Committee

King County, WA - The Office of Law Enforcement Oversight (OLEO) applauds the initiative of King County Executive Dow Constantine to form a committee to review the inquest process in its entirety and make recommendations for improvement.

"Executive Constantine has taken a critical first step toward addressing the dissatisfaction and frustration with the inquest process vocalized by people throughout the county," said OLEO Director Deborah Jacobs. "The public yearns for a robust and more just system that serves the needs of all parties searching for answers amidst tragedy."

OLEO was established to hold the King County Sheriff's Office accountable for providing fair and just policing services, and makes recommendations to the Sheriff's Office and the County Council to improve systems, policies, trainings & practices. It attends all inquests involving Sheriff's Office personnel and represents the interests of the public when doing its work. OLEO looks forward to supporting this inquest process review to make meaningful, transformative changes in the lives of those who experience the justice system.

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