

RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, Leo Flor has skillfully and compassionately served as the Director of King County's Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) since 2018, competently managing the Department's 580 employees tasked with providing a range of programs and services to help King County's most vulnerable residents and strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, previously, he led the County's efforts to expand and renew the Veterans, Seniors, and Human Services Levy, a position he was uniquely qualified to hold, having graduated from the prestigious United States Military Academy at West Point, and having received his law degree as an equally prestigious Gates Scholar at the University of Washington School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Leo has worked tirelessly over the last six years to bring families experiencing homelessness—including seniors, veterans, women, and youth—into safe and secure environments and on the path to permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, due in large part to Leo's frontline leadership, King County became a national leader in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, opening first-in-the-nation isolation and quarantine facilities, beginning the process of moving from congregate shelters to private hotel housing, and managing DCHS's other efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Leo has been a champion for the use of prevention strategies, including rental assistance, to help families keep their hard-earned housing and preventing generational homelessness caused by the trauma of losing their homes, by distributing over \$400 million from King County's innovative rent assistance program that helped more than 39,000 households remain housed; and

WHEREAS, Leo's other achievements are too extensive to list but include crafting successful proposals for the Crisis Care Centers; the renewal of the Best Starts for Kids; and the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services levies; as well as successfully guiding the implementation of the Health Through Housing Initiative; and

WHEREAS, Leo's signature polite manner, compassionate heart, strategic vision, kind smile, and upbeat and optimistic energy have brightened the day of all who have worked with him;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Metropolitan King County Council, recognize

LEO FLOR

for his visionary leadership that has improved the lives and welfare of thousands of King County residents and wish him well in his future endeavors.

DATED this twenty-seventh day of February, 2024.



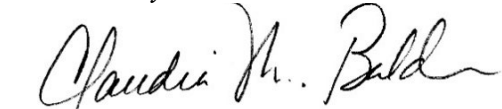
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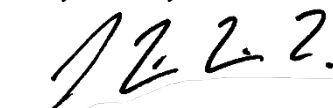
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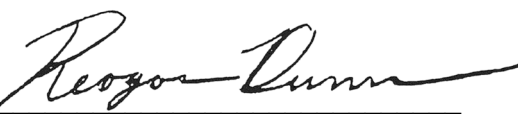
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