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Tamer Abouzeid, Director
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RE: Receipt of OLEO's Supporting Safe and Accessible Assemblies Report

Dear Mr. Abouzeid,

The King County Sheriff's Office confirms receipt of the **Supporting Safe and Accessible Public Assemblies: Updating the King County Sheriff's Office's Crowd Management Policies and Procedures (General Orders Manual 11.10.000 Public Order and Civil Disturbances and Rapid Deployment Force Standard Operating Procedures)** report and accompanying recommendations on September 1, 2026. We thank OLEO and our community partners who invested their time, energy, perspective, and expertise to this work. We look forward to reading and learning more about how KCSO can better serve our communities. We also look forward to discussing operational, policy, and budgetary implications associated with the report and its recommendations, including the role of the Rapid Deployment Force and protection of First Amendment rights, with OLEO, our community, contracting agencies, and County leadership including the King County Council.

To support the department's work with the report and recommendations, KCSO will engage subject matter experts and other partners. To the extent the report and recommendations inform service delivery with contracting agencies, KCSO will engage with affected contracting agencies, which include the Muckleshoot Tribe, thirteen cities/towns, Sound Transit, King County Metro, and the King County Airport.

KCSO will conduct this review in partnership with the Executive Office. When the review and engagement is completed, KCSO will write a response that will be sent to the Office of Law Enforcement Oversight. As with reviews done with the King County Auditor's Office, the department will indicate whether recommendations will be implemented, partially implemented, or not implemented. KCSO will indicate where recommendations are partially or not implemented because of external limiting factors (such as budget or federal, state, or local laws and policies).

We appreciate the work that has been done to produce this report and these recommendations. We look forward to reading the report, considering the recommendations, and discussing both the report and recommendations with OLEO, our communities, our contracting agencies, and County leadership.

Sincerely,

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