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The Honorable Bill Fuller  
President, King County Fire Commissioners Association  
South King Fire & Rescue  
31617 1st Ave. S.  
Federal Way, WA 98003

Dear Commissioner Fuller:

As you may know, the Medic One/Emergency Medical Services (Medic One/EMS) levy is scheduled to expire at the end of December 2025. King County is preparing to put a Medic One/EMS levy reauthorization before the voters that same year. We are in the process of developing the next levy and need your help in this important effort.

The Medic One/EMS system provides lifesaving service throughout Seattle and King County. It serves more than 2.3 million King County residents, responding to medical emergencies approximately every two minutes. Our Medic One system is recognized as one of the best emergency medical services in the country, and its programs are considered models for much of the world.

Our number-one priority is to ensure Medic One continues to faithfully serve this region. To ensure this, we are reconvening the *EMS Advisory Task Force* to once again develop an inter-jurisdictional agreement on an updated EMS Strategic Plan for the next funding period, which starts in 2026. In addition to approving programmatic recommendations, this 20-member group of elected officials will help determine the levy length, rate, and election date of the ballot measure.

The composition of the *EMS Advisory Task Force* includes three King County Fire Commissioner representatives. Fire Commissioners can play a substantial role in the levy development not just by identifying *Task Force* representatives, but by actively participating in the entire levy planning process.

The *EMS Advisory Task Force* will meet on a quarterly basis, with a kick-off set for January 17, 2024, and a final meeting adopting Strategic Plan recommendations no later than October

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2024. Subcommittees will develop programmatic and financial proposals to bring to the *Task Force*, and Finance Directors from various jurisdictions will review the levy's potential fiscal implications.

I understand that serving on the *Task Force* may prove challenging and will require a great investment of your time and effort. Therefore, you may wish to select another elected official to represent your needs at such meetings. I want to reiterate how critical the Fire Commissioners' participation, input, and consensus are to developing a comprehensive plan that meets the Medic One/EMS service priorities for our region. I hope you will consider serving, and encourage your colleagues to consider serving, in this capacity.

Please forward the name of your representative to Helen Chatalas, EMS Assistant Director, by November 30, 2023. She can be reached at 206-263-8560, or [helen.chatalas@kingcounty.gov](mailto:helen.chatalas@kingcounty.gov). Should you or your colleagues have questions about the *EMS Advisory Task Force* or would like additional information about the levy planning process, Helen should be able to assist.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dow Constantine". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dow Constantine  
King County Executive

cc: The Honorable Mark Thompson, South King Fire & Rescue Commissioner