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**King County**

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An Executive Order superseding Executive Order ACO 8-1-32 (EO) dated November 28, 2017, delegating authority when the Executive is absent and designating a line of succession in the event of a vacancy in the elective office of the County Executive.

**WHEREAS**, I, Dow Constantine, am the duly elected King County Executive, having assumed said position on November 24, 2009, and

**WHEREAS**, from time to time the King County Executive may be absent from King County or otherwise unavailable to sign official documents or take other official actions; and

**WHEREAS**, it will be necessary during those occasions for various official documents and ordinances to be signed to carry on King County's business and for various orders and directions to be given on behalf of the Executive; and

**WHEREAS**, the King County Executive may be unavailable to direct implementation of the King County Emergency Services Operations Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to satisfy Federal and Washington State legal requirements that the Emergency Services Operations Plan indicate the name of the individuals responsible for implementing the Plan during periods of natural or war-caused disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, in the event of an emergency, King County Code Section 12.52.030 delineates the emergency powers of the King County Executive after the Executive has formally proclaimed in writing the existence of an emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 8, Section 850, of the King County Charter provides for the delegation of Executive powers and duties, except in the veto power, to be assumed and carried out in the Executive's absence; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 6, Section 680.10, of the King County Charter requires the Executive to designate an interim official in the event of a vacancy in the elective office of the County Executive;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dow Constantine, King County Executive, do hereby order and direct that the following individuals are designated to act on my behalf in my absence and delegate to each my powers and duties, except the veto power, to be assumed and carried out by:

- (1) Chief of Staff: Rachel Smith
- (2) Casey Sixkiller: Chief Operating Officer
- (3) Office of Performance: Strategy, and Budget Director: Dwight Dively
- (4) Chief People Officer: Whitney Abrams
- (5) County Administrative Officer: Caroline Whalen
- (6) Department directors in order of tenure as a director

**FURTHERMORE**, I officially designate the following individuals to serve as interim County Executive in the event of a vacancy in the elective office of the County Executive:

- 1) Chief of Staff: Rachel Smith
- 2) Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget Director: Dwight Dively
- 3) County Administrative Officer: Caroline Whalen
- 4) Chief People Officer: Whitney Abrams
- 5) Department directors in order of tenure as a director

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Dow Constantine, King County Executive, do hereby order and direct:

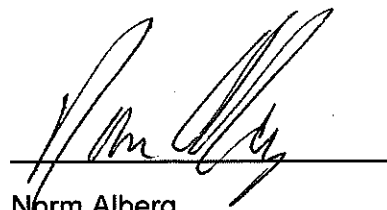
Dated and effective this 3 day of APRIL, 2018.



Dow Constantine

King County Executive

Attest:



Norm Alberg  
Director, Records and Licensing Services Division, Department of Executive Services