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## **Amendment 1 Version 1 to RES 32202 KCRHA Forensic Evaluation Next Steps**

### **ILA**

**Sponsor:** Councilmember CM Rinck

Changes needed to align with the timeframes in a similar motion introduced at King County Council

**Effect:** The resolution as introduced had two reporting deadlines for the Mayor to provide information to the Chair of the Human Services, Labor and Economic Development Committee. The resolution required that the Mayor provide a determination by June 1, 2026, regarding whether or not the corrective action plan submitted by the King County Regional Homeless Authority (KCRHA) was feasible by June 1, 2026. If the Mayor determined the corrective action plan was not feasible, then the resolution requested the Mayor submit a plan no later than August 1, 2026 for the dissolution or restructure of KCRHA. This amendment makes several changes in order to align timing in this resolution with King County Motion 16970, introduced at King County Council last week. It now requests that the Mayor provide an initial assessment by June 15, 2026 on the corrective action plan, and now requests that the Mayor make a final recommendation by August 1, 2026 on whether to dissolve KCRHA, restructure it, or continue it as is. There are a few other minor changes as well for clarity.

Examples:

### **Amend title of RES 32202 as follows:**

**A resolution** regarding next steps after the forensic evaluation of the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA); requesting that the Seattle Mayor ~~and King County Executive~~ take steps to immediately safeguard public funds, ~~determine if~~ provide an initial assessment of whether it is feasible for KCRHA to adequately address all of the findings in the forensic evaluation, recommend if KCRHA should be dissolved, restructured, or continue as is, submit a set of next steps on how the City will approach the dissolution or restructure of KCRHA if determined to be necessary, and submit monthly reports to Council.

**Amend Section 2 of RES 32202 as follows:**

Section 2. ~~The Mayor and King County Executive should determine if it is feasible for KCRHA to adequately address all of the findings in the forensic audit, and if so how long it would take and what the cost would be.~~ The April 22, 2026 cover letter to KCRHA requires that KCRHA must provide a written corrective action plan addressing each of the findings, including implementation timelines, by May 23, 2026. ~~The No later than June 15, 2026, the Mayor or designee should evaluate the viability of the proposed approach provide to the Chair of the Human Services, Labor, and Economic Development Committee an initial assessment of the corrective action plan submitted by KCRHA, , and should also estimate cost of its implementation. The Mayor or designee should notify the Chair of the Human Services, Labor, and Economic Development Committee on whether or not they consider the proposed approach to be viable no later than June 1, 2026, including considerations around cost and length of time needed to address all findings. If the Mayor or designee finds that there is a viable plan for addressing all findings, the implementation plan, timeframe, and cost of implementing the plan should also be shared with the Chair of the Human Services, Labor, and Economic Development Committee no later than June 1, 2026.~~

**Amend Section 3 of RES 32202 as follows:**

Section 3. ~~If the Mayor or designee determines that there is no viable approach to addressing the forensic evaluation findings, then the Mayor or designee should~~

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~~submit a set of next steps that outline how the City will approach the dissolution or restructure of KCRHA in a measured and deliberative manner that supports a collective path forward. That path may include development of guiding principles, such as minimal disruption to services and maintenance of a regional approach to addressing homelessness, and convening a collaborative cross-jurisdictional table focused on the development of an effective service delivery system. The plan should be provided The Mayor or designee should, no later than August 1, 2026, make a recommendation to the Chair of the Human Services, Labor, and Economic Development Committee ~~no later than August 1, 2026. It should include the following components: on whether the City should terminate its participation in the Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement and dissolve KCRHA, restructure KCRHA, or continue as is. If dissolution or restructure is recommended, then the Mayor or designee should also provide a plan no later than August 1, 2026 that addresses the following components:~~~~

A. Guiding principles for shared adoption, outlining Seattle's shared values and key considerations in the path forward, such as minimal disruption to services and maintenance of a regional approach to addressing homelessness.

B. Exploration of convening a cross jurisdictional table focused on development of an effective service delivery system.

~~B. C.~~ A commitment to collaborative and meaningful engagement with key stakeholders, including homeless service providers and regional partners, around system planning and improving outcomes.

~~C. D.~~ Options for how the City should strategically utilize this opportunity to evaluate and adapt City investments in homeless services, which have not undergone

significant changes since 2017, ensure greater system to system connections to address upstream issues that lead to homelessness, and ensure alignment with other City approaches to homelessness.

~~D.~~ E. An update on potential approaches to the Continuum of Care (CoC) responsibilities that: assume dissolution of KCRHA would occur after 2026, so as not to create risk to Fiscal Year 2025 CoC contracts that are subject to renewal in 2026; take into account the Fiscal Year 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity for CoC funding, which is expected to be published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in the summer of 2026; and consider how CoC requirements such as conducting the Point-in-Time Count, managing Coordinated Entry and administering the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) will be maintained.

~~E.~~ F. Ensuring HSD has sufficient capacity and staffing to directly administer homeless service contracts again, including strong accounting and financial systems, internal controls, and oversight.

~~F.~~ G. Options for how Seattle and King County will continue to maintain a regional approach to addressing homelessness, including coordination of cross-jurisdictional severe weather sheltering efforts, and considerations around administration and shared expectations regarding program and system outcomes.

~~G.~~ H. Options for what organization or entity will take on KCRHA's existing Right of Way contracts for master leased apartments with services.

~~H.~~ I. Opportunities to continue and strengthen the work of the Ombuds Office, which is currently housed in KCRHA, to provide critical programmatic oversight.

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**† J.** An estimated timeframe budget for increased City costs related to dissolving or restructuring KCRHA and the fund source for those costs.