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The Honorable Jim Rogers
Presiding Judge, King County Superior Court
King County Courthouse, East 942
516 Third Ave.
Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Order of Inquest into the death of Charleena Lyles

Dear Judge Rogers:

Under the authority of RCW 36.24.020, I hereby order an inquest into the death of Charleena Lyles. I respectfully request that Superior Court provide a courtroom for the inquest and persons to serve as a jury of inquest.

As background, on October 16, 2017, I sent a letter regarding an inquest into the death of Ms. Lyles to the Honorable Donna Tucker, Presiding Judge, King County District Court. This letter is sent to you today to initiate this inquest consistent with the requirements found in *BNSF Railway Company v. Thomas Clark, et. al.*, 192 Wn.2d 832 (2019).

Please coordinate the scheduling of this matter with my Inquest Program Manager, Dee Sylve.

Sincerely,

Dow Constantine
King County Executive

cc: Carmen Best, Chief of Police, Seattle Police Department
The Honorable Dan Satterberg, King County Prosecuting Attorney (KCPAO)
Mark Larson, Chief Deputy, Criminal Division, KCPAO
Dee Sylve, Inquest Program Manager, King County Department of Executive Services

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