WHEREAS, the King County Bar Association has a long history of support for public defense in King County; and

WHEREAS, the proposal by the County Executive to restructure public defense raises grave concerns regarding independence, conflicts of interest, and client disruption.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the King County Bar Association supports a public defense system in King County that maintains independence, addresses conflicts of interest, and avoids client disruption; and the Association will play an active role in the ongoing debate over this issue.

Adopted by the King County Bar Association Board of Trustees, January 16, 2013.

Richard E. Mitchell, President  Kaustuv M. Das, Secretary