King County

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Signature Report

March 18, 2013

Ordinance 17537

	Proposed No. 2013-0025.1 Sponsors Gossett
1	AN ORDINANCE relating to the class action settlement
2	agreement negotiated by and between King County and
3	plaintiffs in Dolan v. King County; approving and adopting
4	the agreement and directing the executive to implement the
5	terms of the agreement.
6	BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:
7	SECTION 1. The class action settlement agreement negotiated by and between
8	King County and the plaintiffs in Dolan v. King County, Pierce County Superior Court
9	Cause No. 06-2-04611-6, attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, is
10	hereby approved and adopted. Litigation counsel for King County is authorized to sign
11	the settlement agreement on behalf of King County.
12	SECTION 2. Upon final approval of the class action settlement agreement by the

Pierce county superior court, the executive is directed to implement the terms of the
settlement agreement.

Ordinance 17537 was introduced on 1/14/2013 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 3/18/2013, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,
Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott and Mr.
Dembowski
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 20 day of MARCH, 2013.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. Dolan Settlement Agreement NO. 06-2-04611-6

The Honorable John R. Hickman

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR PIERCE COUNTY

KEVIN DOLAN and a class of similarly situated individuals,)	NO. 06-2-04611-6
Plaintiffs,)	
v.)	
KING COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Washington,)	
Defendant.)	

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

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I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

- 1. This Settlement Agreement is made under Civil Rule 23(e) to settle the class action of *Dolan v. King County*, Pierce Co. No. 06-2-04611-6. The proceedings leading up to this settlement are summarized below.
- 2. In January 2006, Kevin Dolan filed this class action lawsuit against King County on behalf of the lawyers and the staff of the King County public defense agencies. (The class is defined in ¶ 51.) Dolan alleged that King County breached its duty to enroll the lawyers and staff of the King County public defense agencies in the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) and that King County failed to pay required PERS contributions to the Department of Retirement Systems (DRS).
- 3. In March 2006, King County filed its Answer, which denied liability and denied that Plaintiffs were due any relief. King County asserted, among other things, that it had no obligation to enroll the lawyers and staff of the King County public defense agencies in PERS or to make contributions to PERS on their behalf because the lawyers and staff of the King County public defense agencies were not employees of King County and were instead employees of those non-profit corporations that provided public defense services as independent contractors to King County.
- 4. In July 2006, the parties agreed on, and Superior Court Judge John R. Hickman signed, an order revising the case schedule reflecting the parties' agreement that the case would be addressed in three phases (1) class certification, (2) liability, and (3) if necessary, relief.
- 5. In August 2006, King County amended its Answer to add a counterclaim, which sought reimbursement from the Plaintiff and the members of the Class for monetary contributions that King County might have to pay to PERS on their behalf due to the litigation.
- 6. In August 2006, plaintiffs filed a motion to certify the class. King County did not oppose certification of the class. In September 2006 the Court certified a class defined as:

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All W-2 employees of the King County public defender agencies and any former or predecessor King County public defender agencies who work or have worked for one of the King County public defender agencies within three years of the filing of this lawsuit.

7. The August 2006 order expressly reserved for future briefing and argument certain issues pertaining to class certification. One of the reserved issues was whether the class should include individuals who had not worked at a public defense agency within three years prior to the filing of the lawsuit, but who had worked in a PERS-eligible job in that period. The parties called this group of individuals the "Reserved Group," defined as:

All W-2 employees of the King County public defender agencies and any former or predecessor King County public defender agencies who have not worked for one of the King County public defender agencies within three years of the filing of this lawsuit but who work or have worked in a PERS-eligible position within three years of the filing of this lawsuit.

- 8. In September 2006, plaintiffs filed a motion to dismiss King County's counterclaim, which King County opposed.
- In October 2006, the Court granted in part and denied in part (without prejudice)
 plaintiffs' motion to dismiss the counterclaim.
 - 10. In November 2006, plaintiffs filed their answer to King County's counterclaim.
- 11. In December 2006 and January 2007, the parties filed motions regarding class certification and the statute of limitations. King County filed a motion requesting that any class certification be under CR 23(b)(3), with Class Members having a right to opt out of the litigation. Plaintiffs filed a motion to certify the class under CR 23(b)(1) and/or (b)(2) without opt outs.
- 12. In December 2006, King County filed a motion for partial summary judgment on the statute of limitations. King County sought a ruling that even if plaintiffs' claim were successful, the statute of limitations would limit their claim to three years from the date of filing the complaint. The complaint was filed on January 24, 2006 and thus under King County's motion the class could not obtain relief for service in any time period before

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January 24, 2003. Plaintiffs opposed King County's motion, arguing that the statute of limitations does not begin to run until a Class Member's retirement.

- 13. In February 2007, the Court issued a letter decision, which denied King County's motion on the statute of limitations. The Court said it was premature to decide the issue at that point and reserved ruling on the statute of limitations until after liability was decided.
- 14. In the Court's February 2007 letter decision, the Court denied King County's request to certify the class under CR 23(b)(3) with opt-outs. The Court said it would certify the class under CR 23(b)(1) and (b)(2) without pre-liability notice to the class and it would reserve the issue of notification pending a decision on liability.
- 15. In May 2007, the parties agreed on, and the Court issued, an order revising the case schedule. Under the revised case schedule the parties agreed to resolve whether the "Reserved Group" should be part of the class after liability was decided. The parties also agreed to a case schedule for resolving liability. The parties agreed to file dispositive motions on liability in February 2008, and this date was later moved by agreement to May 2008.
- 16. After the Court entered the order revising the case schedule, the parties engaged in extensive investigation and discovery concerning the issues relating to liability. In response to plaintiffs' written discovery, King County provided plaintiffs more than 60,000 pages of documents concerning the public defense agencies, which was in addition to the more than 10,000 pages King County has provided plaintiffs in response to public record requests.
- 17. King County submitted written discovery to plaintiff Kevin Dolan and took numerous depositions. The individuals deposed included Kevin Dolan, David Chapman, Bob Boruchowitz, Anne Daly, Eileen Farley, Floris Mikkelson, Jeff Robinson, Tom Schwanz, Bruce Erickson, Rachel Levy, and Terry Howard. King County also sought records from the public defense agencies.
- 18. In June 2008, the parties filed cross-motions for summary judgment on liability. The parties' motions were supported by evidence in the form of deposition testimony, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - 3

declarations, and exhibits. There were about 6,000 pages of testimony and exhibits. The County submitted about 1,400 pages of deposition testimony from 11 witnesses and declarations from seven witnesses. Those depositions and declarations incorporated about 2,700 pages of exhibits. Plaintiffs submitted lengthy declarations from numerous witnesses with nearly 2,000 pages of exhibits.

- 19. In July 2008, after oral argument, the Court issued its written decision on the parties' cross-motions for summary judgment on liability. The Court said that there were material issues of fact for a jury to decide and it therefore denied the motions.
- 20. In August 2008, the parties moved for reconsideration of the Court's order denying summary judgment or, in the alternative, for a trial before the Court on the summary judgment record.
- 21. The Court denied the parties' motions for reconsideration, but agreed to conduct a trial on the written summary judgment record. The Court ordered that the matter would be tried without a jury, and the parties had one month to submit witness and exhibit lists, and to prioritize the evidence on which they relied.
- 22. In September and October 2008, the parties submitted witness lists and additional briefs concerning the evidence.
- 23. In November 2008, the trial on the record occurred on two days. The parties made opening and closing arguments concerning the evidence and law.
- 24. In February 2009, after the trial and the Court's review of the extensive stipulated written record, the Court issued a 24-page written decision in plaintiffs' favor.
- 25. In March 2009, plaintiffs filed a motion for entry of findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a permanent injunction requiring King County to enroll the Class Members in PERS. King County opposed plaintiffs' motion.
- 26. In March 2009, King County filed a notice for discretionary review to the Supreme Court. King County also filed a motion for entry of judgment, certification of the issues for appeal, and a stay pending appeal.

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- 27. In April 2009, the Court entered a permanent injunction requiring King County to enroll then employed Class Members and future employed Class Members in PERS.
- 28. In April 2009, the Court certified its decision on liability for appeal under Rule of Appellate Procedure 2.3(b)(4) because the matter involved a controlling issue of law as to which there was substantial ground for a difference of opinion and the Court stayed its permanent injunction pending the resolution of any appellate proceedings.
- 29. The Court did not sign plaintiffs' initial proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, asking plaintiffs to prepare a shorter set of findings. In May 2009 plaintiffs submitted a second set of proposed findings and conclusions, which the County again opposed.
- 30. In May 2009, King County submitted its own proposed findings and conclusions, which plaintiffs opposed.
- 31. In May 2009, King County filed a motion for discretionary review in the Washington State Supreme Court.
- 32. In June 2009, the Court adopted plaintiffs' proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law with changes.
- 33. In June 2009, the Washington State Attorney General office filed an *amicus* curiae memorandum in support of King County's motion for discretionary review.
- 34. In June 2009, Plaintiffs filed their Answer to King County's motion for discretionary review in the Supreme Court. Plaintiffs also responded to the Attorney General's amicus curiae memorandum.
- 35. In June 2009, the Supreme Court granted discretionary review of the Court's decision on liability.
- 36. In 2009 and 2010, the parties both filed briefs and various motions in the Supreme Court.
- 37. The Washington State Attorney General filed an *amicus curiae* brief on the merits in support of King County and against the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs filed an Answer to the Attorney General's brief and objected to King County's Answer to the brief.

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38. In August 2011, the Washington Supreme Court issued its decision affirming the Court's decision on liability. The Supreme Court's decision was 5 to 4.

- 39. In September 2011, King County filed a motion for reconsideration of the Supreme Court's decision.
- 40. In September 2011, the Supreme Court granted motions by various entities to file amicus curiae memoranda in support of King County's motion for reconsideration. The amici who supported reconsideration were the State of Washington, the Washington State Legislature, the Washington State Association of Counties, the Washington State Association of County Officials, and the Association of Washington Cities, and the Washington State Association of Municipal Attorneys.
- 41. In October 2011, the Supreme Court issued an order requesting that plaintiffs file an answer to King County's motion for reconsideration and plaintiffs filed the answer in November 2011.
- 42. In January 2012, the Supreme Court issued an order changing the opinion by making a few minor corrections, and it denied further reconsideration. The Supreme Court issued its mandate in February 2012.
- 43. After the Supreme Court issued its mandate in February 2012, plaintiffs learned of potential legislation that could possibly negate the Supreme Court's decision. Plaintiffs hired a lobbyist and engaged in lobbying in Olympia, Washington to protect the class. Plaintiffs successfully obtained express language in the bill exempting the Dolan case from whatever effect the legislation might otherwise have on their pension rights. In April 2012, the parties signed a stipulation that the legislation would not be used as a defense in this action, and the Court approved the stipulation and made it a court order.
- 44. After the Supreme Court issued its mandate in February 2012, plaintiffs filed a motion to enforce the mandate. King County opposed the motion.
- 45. In March 2012, the Court entered an order modifying the permanent injunction. The Court's order required King County to commence enrolling current King County public **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - 6** Dolan\Pldgs\Settlement Agreement - Final.doc

defense employees in PERS and to start making PERS contributions on their behalf. King County timely complied with, and continues to be in compliance with, that order.

- 46. In April 2012, the Court entered an order that plaintiff Class Members may not opt out of the relief phase of this action or mandatory enrollment in PERS because, among other reasons, PERS is a mandatory retirement system and all eligible employees must be enrolled.
- 47. In June 2012, the Court entered an order making the "Reserved Group" part of the class.
- 48. After the Supreme Court's remand, the parties have engaged in extensive settlement negotiations. The parties recognize that to further continue the *Dolan* litigation would delay its resolution for a considerable time (possibly for years due to possible appeals of rulings in the relief phase), would create additional burdens and costs for the parties, and would present uncertainties and risks for all parties as to the ultimate outcome. To avoid uncertainty, risks, delays, expenses, and burdens of further litigation, the parties agreed to this Settlement Agreement.

II. **DEFINITIONS**

The following general definitions apply in this Settlement Agreement:

- 49. "Action" means *Dolan v. King County*, Pierce County Superior Court Case No. 06-2-04611-6, and all related appellate proceedings.
- 50. "Active PERS member." An active PERS member is an individual who is employed in a PERS eligible job and is currently enrolled in PERS.
 - 51. "Class." The Class is:

All W-2 employees of the King County public defense agencies and any former or predecessor King County public defense agencies who work or who have worked for one of the King County public defense agencies within three years of the filing of this lawsuit;

and

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All W-2 employees of the King County public defense agencies and any former or predecessor King County public defense agencies who have not worked for one of the King County public defense agencies within three years of the filing of this lawsuit, but who work or have worked in a PERS-eligible position within three years of the filing of this lawsuit.

The Class does not include W-2 King County public defense employees who were never in a PERS eligible position, e.g, student interns.

For purposes of relief, the Class consists of five groups as defined below:

"Group one." Group one consists of those Class Members who were King County public defense employees as of April 1, 2012 or at any time thereafter until the Recognition Date (defined below in ¶73).

"Group two." Group two consists of Class Members who were King County public defense employees at any time during the Class Period (defined below in ¶54), but were not currently employed as King County public defense employees on April 1, 2012 or thereafter until the Recognition Date and who have sixty or more months of service as a King County public defense employee.

"Group three." Group three consists of Class Members who before the Class Period were former King County public defense employees and who were active members of PERS sometime during the Class Period. This is the group formerly referred to as the "Reserved Group."

"Group four." Group four consists of Class Members who were King County public defense employees at any time during the Class Period, but were not currently employed as King County public defense employees as of April 1, 2012 and were an active PERS member as of April 1, 2012, and whose PERS service at a King County public defense agency totaled less than sixty months, but when combined with PERS service credit earned in another PERS-eligible position is equal to or greater than sixty months.

"Group five." Group five consists of Class Members who are not in Groups 1-4. Group five are Class Members who are former King County public defense employees as of April 1.

2012, who are not active members of PERS as of April 1, 2012, and whose PERS service as a King County public defense employee totaled less than 60 months. Group five Class Members include those who are inactive PERS members or former PERS members who withdrew their contributions, and those who were never enrolled in PERS.

- 52. "Class Counsel" is the law firm of Bendich, Stobaugh & Strong, P.C., and the firm's attorneys.
 - 53. "Class Member" is a member of the Class.
- 54. "Class Period." The lawsuit was filed on January 24, 2006 and accordingly the period covered by the class definition is January 24, 2003 to the Recognition Date, July 1, 2013. This time period is "the Class Period."
- 55. "Class Released Claims" means the claims described in ¶2 and ¶87 of this Agreement and released by Plaintiff and the Class Members pursuant to ¶97 and ¶99 of this Agreement.
- 56. "Common Fund" is the Present Value of the PERS pension benefits conferred upon Class Members as a result of Class Counsel's efforts.
- 57. "Common Fund Fee" is the attorney fee and costs that Class Counsel seek to obtain from the Class under this Agreement and the Common Fund doctrine from the Common Fund created by Class Counsel's efforts. The Common Fund Fee is the sole compensation that will be received by Class Counsel in this Action.
- 58. "Deduction Percentage" is the percent of each Class Member's future retirement benefits that will be deducted by DRS to repay DRS or the PERS Fund for advance of the Common Fund Fee paid by the Class Members as provided in the *Bowles v. Dept of Retirement Systems*, 121 Wn.2d 52, 69, 73 74 (1993). The Class Member may elect to pay DRS directly, ¶138, and the Deduction Percentage would not apply to those Class Members.
- 59. "DRS" is the Department of Retirement Systems, an agency of the State of Washington, that administers PERS. DRS has standing to be heard on (1) the PERS contributions that should have been made or picked up by King County will be made without SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT 9

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interest, and (2) repayment by Class Members of the advance of the Common Fund Fee as provided in ¶¶ 69, 106, 124, 130, 135-139 of the Agreement, including the adequacy of the reimbursement procedure for the fee advance, but it does not include the amount of the fee to be advanced

- Approval Order becomes final, which shall occur on the later of the following: (a) if no appeal or other reconsideration or review of the Final Approval Order is sought by any person or entity, the Effective Date shall be the thirty-first (31st) day after the Final Approval Order is entered by the Court, or (b) if a motion for reconsideration, an appeal, a motion for discretionary review, review by writ of certiorari, or any other form of review or reconsideration of the Final Approval Order is filed by any person or entity, the Effective Date shall be the day after (i) the Final Approval Order is affirmed or the appeal or other action seeking review of that order is dismissed or denied, and (ii) the Final Approval Order is no longer subject to further judicial review.
- 61. "Final Approval Order." The Final Approval Order is the Court's order that approves the Settlement Agreement after the final settlement hearing.
- 62. "Former PERS member" is a person who was employed in a PERS-eligible position and was a member of PERS, but withdrew PERS contributions when he or she no longer worked in a PERS eligible job.
- 63. "Inactive PERS member" is an individual who no longer is employed in a PERS-eligible position, but who is not yet retired and has not withdrawn any PERS contributions.
- 64. "Judicial Benefit Multiplier Program." The Judicial Benefit Multiplier Program is set forth in RCW 41.40.124 and .126. Under the program, Judges who are in PERS 1 or PERS 2 may for each year of service receive as their pension 3.5% of their average final salary up to a maximum of 75% of that salary, rather than the 2% of the average final salary that is provided under PERS 1 and PERS 2 for each year of service.

- 65. "King County public defense agencies." There are four current King County public defense agencies: The Defender Association (TDA); Associated Counsel for the Accused (ACA); Society of Counsel Representing Accused Persons (SCRAP); and Northwest Defender's Association (NDA). There is one former King County public defense agency, Eastside Defender Association (EDA). Collectively these agencies are referred to as the "King County public defense agencies."
- 66. "King County public defense employees." The County public defense employees are or were the lawyers and staff of the King County public defense agencies up to the Recognition Date. The Class Members are King County public defense employees.
- 67. "King County Released Claim" means the claims described in ¶5 and ¶88 of this Agreement and released by King County pursuant to ¶98 and ¶99 of this Agreement.
- 68. "PERS." PERS is the Public Employees Retirement System. There are three PERS plans, PERS 1, PERS 2 and PERS 3.
- 69. "PERS contributions" or "contributions." PERS contributions or contributions means the amount that King County is to pay to DRS to establish the retroactive service credit in PERS on behalf of the Class Members as afforded under this Settlement Agreement. The contributions include those from King County as Employer Contributions and the Employee Contributions, *i.e.* the amounts that would have been deducted from Class Member's salaries. The PERS contributions to be paid by King County do not include interest. The PERS contributions and the Plaintiff Award are the only amounts King County will be required to pay as consideration for this Settlement Agreement but King County may be required to advance the Common Fund Fee as provided in ¶¶ 124, 132, 135.
- 70. "PERS pension benefit." The PERS pension benefit is the Class Member's annual and/or monthly PERS retirement payments attributable to the retroactive PERS-eligible service credit that is the subject of this Settlement Agreement. The PERS pension benefit is based on the statutory formula applicable to the plan in which the Class Member receives the retroactive PERS-eligible service credit in general, years of service times 2% for PERS 1 and SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT 11

 2, and 1% for PERS 3 – times average final compensation equals the annual pension benefit which is divided by twelve to determine the monthly amount. The average final amount compensation is based on the highest 60 consecutive months of pay before retirement for PERS 2 and 3 and the highest two consecutive years before retirement for PERS 1. The years of service are capped at 30 years for PERS 1 and are not capped for PERS 2 and 3.

- 71. "Present Value." Present Value means the value of the PERS pension benefits conferred upon Class Members due to Class Counsel's efforts as set forth in this Settlement Agreement. Present Value is determined under the Present Value Calculation defined below.
- 72. "Present Value Calculation." The Present Value Calculation is used solely in connection with the calculation and payment of the Common Fund Fee and is based on the retroactive PERS-eligible service credit that Class Members receive under the action and the Settlement Agreement. The Present Value Calculation does not include prior PERS service that Class Members may have nor does it include PERS service credit that Class Members accrue after April 1, 2012 when the Court ordered King County to begin enrolling currently employed Class Members in PERS and to make the required PERS contributions. For each Class Member, the Present Value Calculation determines the present value of the Class Member's PERS pension based on the retroactive PERS-eligible service attained in this case. The sum of these individual Present Value Calculations equals the Present Value of the PERS benefits for the Class. The Present Value Calculation includes standard present value assumptions:
 - (1) Discount rate 5.50%;
 - (2) Cost of living increase (COLA) for PERS Benefits (3% for PERS 2 and 3; and no COLA for PERS 1);
 - (3) Annual Salary increase, 4% for those still employed in PERS positions and zero% for those employees no longer employed in PERS positions;
 - (4) Retirement Age, 65 (except those over sixty-five are assumed to retire on the analysis date April 1, 2013);

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- (5)Mortality Assumptions at age 65 - 20.45 years for a male and 23.02 years for a female (mortality assumptions for those over 65 are less based on their age and sex).
- (6)Analysis Date: April 1, 2013.
- 73. "Recognition Date." The Recognition Date is July 1, 2013. The current contracts for public defense services between King County and the King County public defense agencies are currently set to expire on June 30, 2013. That expiration date is subject to extension by agreement, but if the contracts are extended that will not change the Recognition Date.
- 74. "Retroactive PERS-eligible service." Under this Settlement Agreement, unless otherwise specified, the Class Members are eligible to receive retroactive PERS service credit for work as a King County public defense employee during the period January 1, 1978 to March 31, 2012. Class Members who (a) are now enrolled in PERS 1, (b) who are or were employed in a PERS-eligible position during the Class Period, and (c) who have not yet attained thirty years of PERS-eligible service, are entitled to retroactive PERS-eligible service credit for service at the King County public defense agencies before 1978, but only to the extent that service or a portion of the service does not cause their total PERS service credit to exceed the thirty-year maximum service credit for PERS 1.
- 75. "Settlement Agreement" or "Agreement" is the agreement that the parties have entered into to settle this case. The Agreement is effective when it is approved by the Court and the Effective Date occurs.

III. RETIREMENT PROVISIONS

- 76. As specified in this Agreement, Class Members (other than those in Group five) are eligible for PERS contributions based on retroactive PERS-eligible service.
- 77. In calculating the Class Members' retroactive PERS-eligible service, the parties used the Class Member's initial hire date with one of the King County public defense agencies, with three exceptions that apply to a few Class Members. The exceptions are: (1) for Class **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - 13** Dolan\Pldgs\Settlement Agreement - Final.doc

Members hired by one of the public defense agencies before January 1, 1978, their retroactive PERS-eligible service under this agreement shall only begin on January 1, 1978; (2) for those Class Members initially hired in a position that is not PERS-eligible (e.g., student intern), their eligible service begins when they start working in a PERS-eligible position (e.g., lawyer); (3) for those Class Members already enrolled or previously enrolled in PERS 1, 2 or 3, their PERS eligible service commencement date (see ¶78 below), will be their prior enrollment date, but they will earn retroactive monthly service for their work as a King County public defense employee starting with their initial hire with one of the public defense agencies, unless the service is within exceptions 1 or 2 stated above, in which case the provisions of those exceptions applies, or unless they are within the provision of ¶74 concerning PERS 1 members with less than 30 years of PERS service.

- 78. Class Members shall receive service credit in PERS 2 unless they are already enrolled or were previously enrolled in PERS 1 or PERS 3, in which case they will earn service credit in the plan in which they are or were previously enrolled. Class Members are entitled to retroactive PERS-eligible service credit based on the service credit rules for the PERS plan applicable to them when they worked at the King County public defense agencies. These rules for PERS 1, 2 and 3 are set forth in Exhibit A.
- 79. For Group one Class Members, King County shall pay the PERS contributions for retroactive PERS-eligible service back to January 1, 1978. Because King County enrolled King County public defense employees in PERS in the pay period encompassing April 15, 2012, those Group one Class Members, who began employment at a King County public defense agency after April 1, 2012 and who had no previous periods of employment at a King County public defense agency, have already had all PERS pension contributions paid. King County therefore does not owe any PERS contributions for these Group one Class Members. The Group one Class Members for whom King County will make the PERS contributions are listed on Exhibit B.

80. For Group two Class Members, King County shall make the PERS contributions for retroactive PERS-eligible service back to January 1, 1978. Group two Class Members are listed on Exhibit C.

- 81. For Group three Class Members, King County shall make the PERS contributions for retroactive PERS-eligible service back to January 1, 1978, except certain Class Members may have contributions for earlier service as provided in ¶74. Group three Class Members are listed on Exhibit D.
- 82. For Group four Class Members, King County shall make the PERS contributions for retroactive PERS-eligible service back to January 1, 1978. The Group four Class Members are listed on Exhibit E.
- 83. For Group five Class Members, King County shall make the PERS contributions for retroactive PERS-eligible service back to January 1, 1978, only if (a) the Group five Class Member obtains a PERS-eligible job in the future, and (b) the eligible service that the Class Member obtains in that future PERS-eligible job, coupled with the Class Member's retroactive PERS-eligible service gives the Class Member sixty or more months of PERS eligible service. Group five Class Members who obtain a PERS eligible job in the future must notify King County that they have been enrolled in PERS as a result of that job and must notify King County when their service in the PERS-eligible job, coupled with their service as a King County public defense employee, gives that Class Member sixty months of PERS service. The Group five Class Members are listed on Exhibit F.
- 84. King County shall make the PERS contributions for eligible months of retroactive PERS-eligible service for Class Members entitled to payment as set forth above at the contribution rates in Exhibit G.

IV. RECOGNITION PROVISION

85. King County will use its contracting arrangement with the King County public defense agencies and with its current system of withholding, payment and reporting of PERS contributions for Class Members working for the King County public defense agencies until the SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - 15

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Recognition Date. King County agrees that on the Recognition Date, the Class Members who were employed by the King County public defense agencies immediately before the Recognition Date shall be employees of King County with full benefits for their positions (the "Transferred Class Members"). How King County accomplishes this recognition, and how it organizes public defense, are up to King County, and are not part of this settlement.

86. (a) Carried Over Vacation. Prior to the Recognition Date, Transferred Class Members may use or cash out vacation they have accrued at a King County public defense agency pursuant to the terms of the respective applicable collective bargaining agreement or personnel handbook. Alternatively, a Transferred Class Member may carry over his or her vacation to be available during employment with King County ("Carried Over Vacation"). Transferred Class Members may establish Carried Over Vacation up to the maximum amount that can be cashed out under the collective bargaining agreement or personnel handbook at the applicable King County public defense agency. To establish Carried Over Vacation, a Transferred Class Member shall direct the applicable King County public defense agency to pay his or her vacation cash out amount to King County or the Transferred Class Member may pay King County directly for the amount of the vacation cash out. Payments shall be made to King County not later than 30 days after the Recognition Date and shall be accompanied by a statement from the applicable King County public defense agency showing how many vacation hours are represented by the payment. After receiving such funds for a particular Transferred Class Member, King County shall credit that Transferred Class Member with Carried Over Vacation of the same number of vacation hours as is represented by the cash out payment using the calculation done by the King County public defense agency. By way of example, if a Transferred Class Member had accrued 160 hours of vacation at TDA and was entitled, under TDA's collective bargaining agreement, to cash out 75% of that vacation, that Transferred Class Member would start employment at King County with 120 hours of vacation. Carried Over Vacation shall be subject to King County's rules and procedures for the use and disposition of vacation, including King County vacation balance cap. King County will use SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - 16

each Transferred Class Member's initial hire date at a King County public defense agency for purposes of establishing their vacation accrual rates effective on the Recognition Date.

(b) <u>Carried Over Sick Leave</u>. As of the Recognition Date, each Transferred Class Member will have an initial amount of sick leave for their employment at King County in the amount of sick leave hours the Transferred Class Member had accrued at the pertinent King County public defense agency, up to a maximum of 100 hours (the "Carried Over Sick Leave"). Carried Over Sick Leave shall be accounted for separately and shall be used entirely before the Transferred Class Member uses any sick leave accrued after the Recognition Date. Carried Over Sick Leave shall not be eligible for the 35% cash out available to King County employees when Transferred Class Members separate or retire from King County or die. Carried Over Sick Leave shall not be eligible to be donated to other King County employees. The maximum of Carried Over Sick Leave may be increased by King County in cases of exceptional need. This provision (b) is subject to revision through collective bargaining.

V. COMPROMISED CLAIMS, COUNTERCLAIMS AND DEFENSES

- 87. This settlement is a compromise. Plaintiff contends that the Class Members did not have the same employee benefits as King County employees, e.g., those working in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office in similar positions. Plaintiff contends that the Class Members have claims for non-PERS benefits (the "other benefit claims") that they could bring in an amended complaint and litigate in this case. King County has defenses to that claim and also could contend that the other benefit claims would not relate back to the date of filing of the lawsuit. The Class would dispute these King County contentions. This Settlement Agreement compromises, releases and fully extinguishes all of the other benefit claims in return for valuable consideration from King County.
- 88. In addition to recognizing Class Members as employees of King County with full benefits for their positions on the Recognition Date (see ¶73), King County is agreeing to make omitted PERS contributions to establish retroactive PERS-eligible service credit for the Class Members as provided in this Settlement Agreement. King County is further SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT 17

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compromising by foregoing its statute of limitations defense that Class Members could not receive service credit for any time period more than three years before this lawsuit was filed, i.e., before January 24, 2003. King County is also paying both the employer contributions to PERS and the Employee Contributions, i.e., contributions to PERS that would have been deducted from the Class Members' salaries on either a pre-tax basis as employer pick-up contributions or on an after tax basis as employee contributions before 1984. King County contended that it was entitled to reimbursement for the Employee Contributions and the Class argued that King County was not so entitled. Under the Settlement Agreement, King County forgoes any right to seek reimbursement or payment from the Class Members for the PERS contributions. King County's agreement not to assert its statute of limitations defense or to seek reimbursement or payment from Class Members, its agreement to pay the PERS contributions for the retroactive PERS-eligible service and its recognition of those Class Members employed by the King County public defense agencies immediately before the Recognition Date as King County employees with full benefits for their position, constitute the valuable consideration that the Class receives in exchange for compromising, releasing and extinguishing the other benefits claims in this Settlement Agreement.

VI. IMPLEMENTATION OF RETIREMENT PROVISIONS

- 89. The relief that Class Members receive under the retirement provisions of this Settlement Agreement is based on what Group they are in: one, two, three, four or five. The parties have made their best good-faith effort to correctly categorize Class Members and to identify and locate the Class Members. Their efforts include contacting DRS to determine who are Class Members and how much PERS service credit they currently have according to DRS records and when the PERS service occurred.
- 90. The parties have determined the eligible months of retroactive PERS-eligible service, the amount of such credit earned for each month, and the monthly pay for each eligible month for each Class Member. The parties agree that the PERS contributions to be paid by King County are approximately \$30.3 million which includes the amounts King County paid on SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT 18

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behalf of Class Members Katherine Beckerman and Ray Contreras and Cathy Tombow as approved by previous Court orders. (The Employer Contributions are about \$17.9 million and the Employee Contributions are about \$12.4 million (see ¶69).) The parties have also obtained the Class Members' hire dates, sex, and birthdates. The parties primarily used payroll and personnel data maintained by the King County public defense agencies in making these determinations. The King County public defense agencies' data did not include pay data for some time periods. If a Class Member had worked for more than one King County public defense agency or on more than one occasion for the same agency, the agencies did not always have all the Class Member's data. For the missing data, the parties used reliable information provided by Class Members, i.e., Social Security earnings statements or other reasonable reliable information provided by Class Members or other sources.

- 91. The parties obtained and previously submitted to DRS the PERS enrollment forms and information for all Group one Class Members who were not previously enrolled in PERS. The parties have also obtained PERS enrollment forms from the Group two Class Members that could be located and who have five years or more of service. The Group three Class Members that the parties have identified to date are already enrolled in PERS and so no additional PERS enrollment forms are needed for them.
- Within 60 days from the Effective Date, King County shall transmit to DRS the 92. information compiled by the parties. This information includes for each known and located Class Member entitled under this Agreement to retroactive PERS-eligible service credit and payment of PERS contributions, the Class Member's name, social security number, birth date, sex, the PERS enrollment forms (if needed), eligible months and years of PERS service, the monthly service credit to which the Class Member is entitled, the monthly pay received by the Class Member for the eligible months of service with the King County public defense agency or agencies, the PERS contributions to be paid by King County for the Class Member for each month of service credit and the total contributions for each Class Member. DRS will use and record the information provided by King County under this paragraph to establish the Class **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - 19**

Members' retroactive PERS-eligible service so that the Class Members who wish to retire and receive their PERS pension may do so. The Class Members shall be treated by DRS as PERS members with all the rights and privileges of other PERS members retroactive to their initial PERS eligible service established in this Agreement, see ¶¶ 74, 77.

- 93. Some Class Members entitled to relief under this agreement are deceased. The surviving spouse of the deceased Class Member may execute the PERS enrollment forms on behalf of the deceased Class Member. The spouse of a deceased Class Member with ten years or more of service shall be entitled to the death before retirement benefit, the 100% survivor benefit as described in the DRS PERS Handbook. The spouse of a deceased Class Member with less than ten years of service shall be entitled to withdraw from PERS the amounts that would have been withheld from the deceased Class Member's salary as Employee Contributions, see ¶69. King County shall transmit the required PERS information noted above in paragraph 92 and shall transmit the PERS contributions to DRS for the deceased Class Member entitled to relief. Deceased Class Members who do not have a surviving spouse are not entitled to relief under this Agreement and King County shall not be required to make any PERS contributions on their behalf.
- 94. The parties have diligently tried to locate and notify eligible Class Members and they will continue these efforts. King County shall not be required to make any PERS contributions on behalf of Class Members who have not been located until the eligible Class Member is found and submits the information needed by the parties to enroll the Class Member in PERS and to provide the information and/or forms needed to obtain retroactive PERS-eligible service credit.
- 95. Any person who believes that he or she should be included as a Class Member in Group one, two, three, four or five but is not, may so notify King County. Any such claim must be submitted by not later than 90 days after the Recognition Date or it shall be deemed fully and finally waived. If King County agrees to allow the claim, the claim is resolved by the agreement. If King County does not agree with the claim, it will notify Class Counsel and the **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT** 20

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parties will either submit the issue to the Court or will jointly appoint a neutral third party who shall finally resolve the claim. The neutral third party will decide what procedures are to be used in determining whether the person should be included in the Class, but such procedures shall entitle the claiming party, Class Counsel and King County a fair opportunity to present their respective positions.

VII. GENERAL MATTERS

Compromise of Disputed Claims and Counterclaims

96. This Settlement Agreement is a compromise and is the product of serious and extended negotiations. King County's entry into this Settlement Agreement is a result of compromise and does not constitute an admission of liability, fault or wrongdoing. The compromise embodied in this Settlement Agreement is intended to fully and finally resolve the claims of the Class Members in this case (including the other benefit claims, ¶¶ 2, 87, and the counterclaims of King County, ¶¶ 5 and 88. The parties recognize that the settlement may not be approved by the Superior Court and if it is not approved, this Agreement shall have no force and effect and the case will be litigated.

Release of Claims and Counterclaims Subject to the Settlement Agreement

97. Contingent upon final approval of this Settlement Agreement by the Court and the occurrence of the Effective Date, plaintiff and the Class Members for themselves, their heirs, estates, marital communities, executors, trustees, administrators, and assigns, hereby completely release and forever discharge King County and all of its past and current officers, agents, officials, council members, staff, attorneys, employees, agencies and departments, and the heirs, estates, marital communities, executors, trustees, administrators and assigns of any of them, from all claims in ¶ 2 and 87 arising out of or relating in any way to (1) any right to enrollment in PERS, for retroactive PERS-eligible service credit or for the payment of PERS contributions of any kind or amount other than as provided in the Settlement Agreement; (2) any claim for other King County employee benefits at any time before the Recognition Date, including the other benefits claims described above, and (3) attorney fees and litigation costs.

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The claims released by plaintiff and the Class Members include any causes of action for the class for the alleged wrongful denial of wages or exclusion from career service benefits, any claims under RCW 49.48.030 and RCW 49.52.070 for double damages or attorney fees, any claims for denial of or of entitlement to medical, dental, life or long term disability coverage or benefits. The claims released by Plaintiff and the Class Members under this Agreement are the Class Released Claims. The Class Released Claims do not include claims based on facts, occurrences or omissions that happen after the Recognition Date or any individual claims that are not within ¶¶ 2 and 87.

- 98. Contingent upon final approval of this Agreement by the Court and the occurrence of the Effective Date, King County releases the King County Released Claim against Plaintiff and the Class Members and their respective heirs, estates, marital communities, executors, trustees and administrators.
- 99. Plaintiff and the plaintiff Class Members acknowledge and agree that the release and discharge of the Class Released Claims is a general release. King County acknowledges and agrees that the release and discharge of the King County Released Claim is a general release of these claims. The parties have entered into this Agreement as a compromise of disputed claims and counterclaims, and as a means of finally resolving all questions, issues, duties, obligations, and responsibilities between them regarding those disputed claims. Plaintiff, the Class and King County further agree that the Agreement is a complete compromise of matters involving disputed issues of law and fact. It is understood and agreed by the parties that this settlement is a compromise and nothing contained herein is to be construed or interpreted as an admission of liability on the part of King County, by whom liability is expressly denied, or an admission as to any issue in dispute or which could have been in dispute between the parties. The fact of this settlement and the terms or agreements contained in this Settlement Agreement shall not be used in any other proceeding as evidence of any admission, fault, wrongdoing or liability of King County, except to enforce its provisions.

Cooperation of the Parties

100. The parties recognize that time is of the essence and they will work in good faith to expeditiously and diligently effectuate this Settlement Agreement. In addition to the other methods of cooperation discussed in the Settlement Agreement, the parties also agree (a) to cooperate in presenting this Settlement to the Court, (b) to support its provisions at the Settlement hearing, (c) to cooperate in drafting and reviewing Court orders, notices, forms, modifications, if any, required by the Court for approval and other documents required by or necessary to effectuate this Settlement Agreement, including ordinances to timely provide information and records to implement this Settlement Agreement, (d) to minimize expenses, and (e) to do all other acts and duties assigned to each party in this Settlement Agreement to effectuate and implement this Settlement, including implementing the Agreement with DRS.

Choice of Law

101. This Settlement Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with Washington law, without regard to choice of law provisions.

No Assignment

102. No provision of this Settlement Agreement shall provide any rights to, or be enforceable by, any person or entity that is not a named plaintiff, Class Member, spouse of deceased Class Member, party, or class counsel. No Class Member (or spouse of a deceased Class Member) or Class Counsel may assign or otherwise convey any right to enforce any provision of this Settlement Agreement.

Joint Drafting - No Construction Against Either Party

103. Each of the parties has cooperated in the drafting and preparation of this Agreement. Hence, in any construction made to this Agreement, the same shall not be construed against any of the parties.

Timeliness

104. The Settlement Agreement includes certain commitments by the parties and counsel to take actions. Any procedural failure or error, such as a failure to act in a timely manner, does not preclude final approval and enforcement of the Settlement Agreement if the error can be corrected or made harmless.

Taxation

105. The parties do not intend the PERS contributions made pursuant to this Settlement Agreement to be taxable wages because they are made to a qualified plan.

Conditions

the omitted PERS contributions, in accordance with the practice of DRS in this type of situation. The parties' agreement to this Settlement Agreement is also conditioned upon DRS being required to and actually advancing the Common Fund Fee out of the County-paid Employee Contributions, or the Employee Contributions portion of the PERS Trust Fund assets, subject to repayment of this advance by the Class Members as provided in this Agreement. DRS may instead choose to advance the Common Fund Fee out of other DRS funds, subject to repayment by Class Members as provided in this Agreement. If the Court does not adopt both of these conditions upon settlement approval, then either of the parties may withdraw from this Settlement Agreement and the Agreement will be vacated and void. The Court's order preliminarily approving the Settlement Agreement will require the parties to provide DRS with a copy of the Class Notice and the Settlement Agreement so that DRS may be heard by the Court if DRS wishes to assert a position regarding these conditions.

Amendment

107. Up to the date the Class Notice is sent the Class Members, the parties may amend the Agreement, if the amendment(s) or supplements are in writing, approved by Class Counsel and King County and the Court. After the date the Class Notices are sent to Class

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Members, the parties, with approval of the Court, may amend the Agreement in writing as approved by Class Counsel and King County where the amendment is clarifying and/or does not materially and substantially change the terms of the Settlement Agreement.

Signers' Authority

108. The parties' representatives who sign this Agreement each represent and warrant that they have been authorized to sign for and to bind their respective clients.

Approval Date of Settlement Agreement

109. Following signature by the parties' respective authorized representatives, this Settlement Agreement will be deemed approved only after (1) the Pierce County Superior Court enters the Final Approval Order approving the Settlement Agreement pursuant to Civil Rule 23(e) and (2) the Effective Date occurs.

Counterparts

110. This Settlement Agreement may be executed in counterparts.

VIII. NOTICE TO CLASS AND SETTLEMENT HEARING PROCEDURES

Preliminary Approval

- 111. The parties agree, as soon as practicable after execution of this Settlement Agreement, to jointly move the Court to:
- (a) Find preliminarily that this settlement is a fair and reasonable compromise of the claims;
- (b) Order that notice of the settlement be provided to Class Members and that the form of the notice submitted by the parties with the Settlement Agreement is approved;
- (c) Find that the content of the proposed notice and the mechanisms of communicating such notice meet the requirements of Civil Rule 23(e) and the Due Process Clause with respect to all Class Members;

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- (d) Set a date by which DRS must submit any statements regarding the Settlement and by which any Class Member who objects to the terms of this Settlement Agreement may file written objections to this Settlement Agreement with the Clerk of the Court, and serve such objections on Class Counsel and counsel for King County;
- (e) Set a date for the final settlement hearing date pursuant to Civil Rule 23(e) at which DRS may appear to present its positions and any Class Member who filed written objections and/or who meets other requirements established by the Court may appear in order to object to the fairness, adequacy, or reasonableness of this Settlement Agreement or to any order or findings of the Court.

Notice Provisions

- 112. Class Counsel shall pay all costs of mailing notice of the settlement to Class Members. The parties shall otherwise bear their own costs in this regard.
- below, shall be given notice of the settlement in the form proposed by the parties, subject to any modifications ordered by the Court. The notice shall summarize the major terms of the Settlement Agreement, state the time, date and place of the settlement fairness hearing, and explain the procedures and deadlines for submitting written comments or objections.
- 114. Plaintiffs shall mail the notice to the last known address provided by the public defense agencies, or to the last known address obtained by Class Counsel, of each Class Member whose identity and address is reasonably ascertainable. The notice should be mailed at a time set by the Court.
 - 115. In addition to mailing individual notices, King County shall:
- (a) Post this Settlement Agreement and the Class Notice on intranet and internet websites maintained by King County; and
- (b) Provide a copy of this Settlement Agreement and the Class Notice to the executive directors of the King County public defense agencies for them to distribute to the currently employed Class Members and to SEIU, Local 925.

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116. Class Counsel shall also at its own cost post the Settlement Agreement and Class Notice on its website.

Objections to Settlement

Class Member pertaining to the Settlement Agreement shall be submitted in writing to the Court, Class Counsel, and the defendant's counsel a date set by the Court in advance of the hearing on the settlement. Any objections not so submitted shall be waived. Any Class Member wishing to appear at the settlement hearing to comment on or to object to the Settlement shall so specify in his or her written comment or written objection. If DRS wishes to submit a statement on the matters in ¶59, it must submit its statement in writing no later than the date set by the Court. If DRS wishes to appear at the settlement hearing it shall so specify in its written statement.

Effect of Appeals

118. If the Effective Date is delayed by an appeal by a Class Member or DRS, or does not occur by reason of a Class Member or DRS filing an appeal or commencing other proceedings seeking reconsideration or review of the Final Approval Order, King County will nevertheless implement the Recognition Provisions set forth in paragraphs 73, 85, 86 and 88 of this Agreement. All of the parties' other obligations that are intended to occur after the Final Approval Order is entered remain subject to the Effective Date occurring, with the following additional exception: King County will, during the course of any appeal or reconsideration proceedings, report to DRS certain Class Members' retroactive PERS-eligible service credit and pay history and enroll those Class Members in PERS ("Interim Retiring Class Members"). The Interim Retiring Class Members must (a) be members of Group 1 or Group 2 who are at least 63 years old as of December 31, 2012, and be otherwise eligible to retire at the time they seek to retire, or (b) be disabled to the extent that they are unable to work in public defense and be otherwise eligible for disability retirement. Interim Retiring Class Members must notify King County and Class Counsel that they wish to retire while an appeal is pending. Class

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Members who have already retired and are receiving a retirement benefit under PERS are not eligible to receive the relief specified in this paragraph. Upon request from DRS, King County will pay to DRS the PERS contributions as calculated under this Settlement Agreement for the Interim Retiring Class Members. If King County pays any PERS contributions to DRS on behalf of the Interim Retiring Class Members: (a) those amounts will be credited against the PERS contributions that King County will ultimately be required to pay on behalf of Class Members as a result of this settlement or otherwise in this Lawsuit, and (b) in no event shall the operation of this paragraph increase the amount of PERS contributions that King County is required to pay under this Settlement Agreement.

119. If the Effective Date is delayed by reason of a Class Member or DRS filing an appeal or commencing other proceedings seeking reconsideration or review of the Final Approval Order, but the Effective Date ultimately occurs, the Common Fund shall be recalculated following the Effective Date with a new date of analysis and the Common Fund Fee on remand shall be \$12 million or the same percentage of the recalculated Common Fund, whichever is greater, unless the appellate or trial court orders otherwise. Any re-calculation of the Common Fund shall not require King County to pay any increased amount under the Settlement Agreement.

IX. SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION

Responsibility for Settlement Administration

120. King County shall be responsible for administering the settlement and transmitting the PERS information report and contributions required under ¶¶ 69, 74, 76-84, 92 and 93 of this Agreement. Before the PERS information and PERS contributions are submitted to DRS, Class Counsel must give their approval.

Information to be Utilized

121. The information compiled by the parties described in ¶¶ 89-93 of this Agreement will be transmitted to DRS and used to make the required PERS report and PERS contributions and to establish the monthly pay and the retroactive PERS eligible service for the **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - 28**

Class Members, so that they will be properly enrolled in PERS and may retire if they are eligible and wish to do so. Based on the information provided, DRS shall treat the Class Members as PERS members with all the rights and privileges of other PERS members retroactive to their initial PERS eligible service established in this Agreement. See ¶¶ 74, 77.

Locating Eligible Class Members Who Have Not Yet Been Found

122. Some Class Members entitled to relief have not been located. Class Counsel will make a good-faith effort to locate and contact these eligible Class Members and to obtain the information needed to provide relief under this Agreement.

Review of Records by Class Counsel

123. For purposes of verification and to fulfill their responsibilities required by this Settlement Agreement, Class Counsel shall, upon request and until the Recognition Date, be entitled to the settlement administration records and the records concerning the transition. King County has access to work and salary history records obtained by Class Counsel.

X. COMMON FUND

- 124. The Common Fund in this Action is the value of the PERS pension benefits conferred upon Class Members as a result of Class Counsel's efforts, which Class Counsel calculate, using actuarial methods, to be about \$130 million. The Transferred Class Members will become King County employees with full benefits for their positions as a result of Class Counsel's efforts. This is also very valuable relief, but is not part of the Common Fund as defined in this Agreement. As part of the settlement, King County will also pay to DRS the PERS contributions on behalf of the Class Members which will allow the Class Members to obtain PERS pension benefits and to retire if they wish. This is also very valuable relief.
- 125. The Common Fund is used in the Agreement to determine the reasonableness of the Common Fund Fee and to determine the Deduction Percentage for Class Members to repay DRS for the advance of the Common Fund Fee. For those Class Members who elect not to repay DRS out deductions from future retirement payments, but by repaying DRS directly,

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Fund Fee. See ¶138.

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XI. ATTORNEY FEES

the Common Fund is also used to determine the Class Member's pro rata share of the Common

Common Fund Fee

126. In Bowles v. Department of Retirement Systems, 121 Wn.2d 52 (1993), the Washington Supreme Court determined the method of computing attorney fees in class actions involving public employee benefits. The Supreme Court said that when class counsel's efforts have created a "common fund" or recovery for the class, the fee awarded is a percentage of the fund because "the size of the recovery constitutes a suitable measure of the attorneys' performance." Id. at 72. The Supreme Court therefore adopted the percentage approach to calculate common fund attorney fees and it specifically rejected the lodestar method of calculating fees in a common fund case. Id. at 73. The Supreme Court said a percentage-ofrecovery approach to awarding common fund attorney fees "furthers important policy interests." Id. at 72. The "benchmark" fee in a common fund case is 25% of the recovery obtained and 20% to 30% is the usual range for a common fund fee. Id.

In Bowles, the plaintiff class obtained an increase in the value of their pension 127. benefits. And the court in Bowles required DRS to advance the attorney fees out of the PERS I trust fund on behalf of the plaintiff class subject to future reimbursement by the class. Bowles, 121 Wn.2d at 69. The attorney fee advance was from the employees' contributions, not from the employer contributions. Id. at 75. Attorney fees in Bowles were calculated as a percentage of the present value of the class recovery and that percentage was then deducted from the class members' future pension payments in order to repay DRS for advancing the fee on behalf of the class members. Id. at 74.

128. The Common Fund obtained in this action is the value of the PERS pension benefits conferred upon Class Members as a result of Class Counsel's efforts, calculated by plaintiffs to be about \$130 million. With an estimated Common Fund of \$130 million, a 25% benchmark Common Fund Fee under Bowles would be \$32.50 million and the 20%-30% "usual **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - 30**

range" for a Common Fund Fee under *Bowles* would be \$26 to \$39 million. The \$12 million Common Fund Fee Class Counsel seeks here is a reasonable percentage-of-recovery fee in this common fund case, below the "usual range" for common fund fees under *Bowles*, based on the value of the Common Fund as calculated by plaintiffs. Class Counsel would seek the \$12 million for the Common Fund Fee even if the Present Value were lower so long as the \$12 million fee is at or below the normal range, i.e., if it is 20% or less of the Common Fund.

- contingent-fee basis and assumed substantial risk in the representation of the plaintiffs, including loss of other valuable work. Class Counsel's risk is illustrated by the Supreme Court's 5-4 decision in favor of the plaintiffs. If one justice in the majority had sided with the dissent, Class Counsel would not only have received no fee in this action, but Class Counsel would also have lost years of time and substantial expenses invested in the case. Class Counsel obtained excellent results for the class, and the Class Members will receive valuable pension benefits in the future that they otherwise would not have received but for Class Counsel's efforts. The Transferred Class Members will also be recognized by King County as King County employees with full benefits for their positions. This relief is also very valuable.
- DRS should advance the common fund fee for the Class Members from the Employee Contributions, as provided in *Bowles* and in ¶135 of this Agreement. King County was not involved in the present value calculations done by plaintiffs and their experts to determine the amount of the Common Fund. Accordingly, King County does not take a position on the present value calculation, or the precise amount of the Common Fund. But it does concur that the Common Fund is substantial.
- 131. The Common Fund Fee is, with the remainder of the Settlement Agreement, subject to final approval by the Court. The Court may modify the amount of the Common Fund Fee to Class Counsel without rejecting the Settlement as a whole if the amount of the proposed fee is found to be unreasonable in the context of the results obtained, risks, and SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT 31

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overall settlement and is above the range of reasonableness for a Common Fund Fee based on the size of the Common Fund.

132. Whether King County pays the Common Fund Fee to Class Counsel by deducting that amount from the omitted PERS Contributions or DRS pays the Common Fund Fee, it shall be paid within thirty-five (35) calendar days after the Effective Date.

Award to Named Plaintiff

- for his work in assisting class counsel. Mr. Dolan's participation from 2006 through 2012 has included but is not limited to, commencement of this lawsuit, class certification, discovery matters (including answering interrogatories, producing extensive personal records, and deposition testimony), preparation of declarations, attendance at meetings, communications with class members, and assisting class counsel in the trial court proceedings, the proceedings in the Supreme Court, and in the Legislature, see ¶43. In connection with its consideration of whether to approve the Settlement, the Court may modify the amount of the plaintiff's award if the Court determines that the amount of award is unreasonable in the context of the case.
- 134. The award to the named plaintiff described above shall be paid by King County within thirty-five calendar days after the Effective Date. The parties intend that plaintiff's award should not be treated as wages, but as 1099 income.

PAYMENT BY CLASS MEMBERS OF COMMON FUND FEE ADVANCED BY DRS

135. The Class will pay the Common Fund Fee as explained below. As in *Bowles*, the Common Fund Fee will be paid by Class Members from the Employee Contribution portion of the PERS contributions, not from the Employer Contribution portion of the PERS contributions. As in *Bowles*, the Deduction Percentage is the percent that the Common Fund Fee is of the Common Fund, i.e., 9.2% with a Common Fund of \$130 million and a Common Fund Fee of \$12 million. The Deduction Percentage would be higher here if the Common Fund were lower or it would be lower if the Common Fund were higher. As in *Bowles*, because it is not feasible for Class Members to make current payments, DRS will advance the **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT** - 32

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Class Members' payment from the Employee Contributions either by: (1) King County paying the Common Fund Fee to Class Counsel out of the Employee Contribution portion of the PERS contributions to otherwise be paid to DRS or (2) if DRS prefers, by the PERS Trust Fund or DRS advancing the Common Fund Fee out of the Employee Contribution paid to DRS as part of the PERS contributions. The Class Members shall repay the advanced Common Fund Fee to the PERS Trust fund(s) or DRS by the deductions from retirement benefits as stated in ¶ 136-137 below or as provided in ¶138.

- 136. This paragraph explains the method for deducting the Common Fund Fee from future retirement benefits of the Class Members other than those who are Judges participating in the Judicial Benefit Multiplier Program. The Common Fund and the Deduction Percentage for a Class Member's future retirement benefit is based on the retroactive PERS-eligible service earned for the King County public defense work that is the subject of this action and excludes other PERS service the Class Members may have had previously or for PERS service they will have in the future. Accordingly, the Deduction Percentage from PERS pension benefit payments for each Class Member will be multiplied by a fraction in which the numerator is the number of months retroactive PERS-eligible service obtained in this action for King County public defense service, and the denominator is the total number of months of PERS service credit the Class Member has at retirement. For example, if a Class Member had 120 months of retroactive PERS-eligible service in King County public defense agency work and a total of 360 months of PERS service credit at retirement, the fraction would be one-third and the actual Deduction Percentage would be one-third of 9.2%, or about 3.07%. Because most Class Members will earn additional PERS service after the resolution of this case or because they have prior PERS service, the actual deduction percentage will be less than 9.2% as shown in the preceding illustration.
- 137. For Class Members who are Judges participating in the Judicial Benefit
 Multiplier Program, the Deduction Percentage shall be based on the effect that the retroactive
 PERS-eligible service obtained in this case has on the percentage of the Judge's final average
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salary the Judge is eligible to obtain as a pension. By way of illustration, under PERS 1 and 2, a PERS member earns 2% of his or her average final salary for each year of service, while under the Judicial Benefit Multiplier Program, participating Judges earn 3.5% of their final average salary for each year of Judicial service. Thus, for each year of service as a Judge — by way of illustration of how the Deduction Percentage for the Common Fund Fee is calculated for Judges participating in the Judicial Benefit Multiplier Program — if Class Member Judge has 10 years of retroactive PERS-eligible service as a King County public defense employee and 15 years of PERS service as a Judge in the Judicial Benefit Multiplier Program when the Judge retires, the public defense service equates to 20% of his or her average final salary (10 years times 2% per year) while the Judge's work as a Judge in the Judicial Benefit Multiplier Program for 15 years equates to 52.5% of the Judge's average final salary (15 years times 3.5%). Thus, in this illustration, the Judge's PERS pension equals 72.5% of the Judge's average final salary. The Judge's King County public defense service thus provides in this illustration about 27.59% of the Judge's final salary (.20 divided by .7250 equals .2759 or 27.59%) and the Deduction Percentage for the Judge for the Common Fund Fee would be .2759 times 9.2 which equals about 2.538% of the Judge's monthly pension amount.

138. As an alternative, instead of repaying DRS from Class Members' future retirement benefits for the advance of the Common Fund Fee, the Class Members may pay DRS or the PERS fund directly. If the Class Member chooses this option, the Class Members pro rata share of the Common Fund Fee will be determined based on the percentage of the Common Fund that the present value of the Class Member's PERS pension benefit is of the Common Fund. For example, if the present value of the Class Member's PERS Benefit is \$500,000, the Class Member's pro rata share would be \$500,000 divided by \$130,000,000 (Common Fund) times \$12,000,000 (Common Fund Fee) which equals about \$46,154 (Class Member's pro rata share of the Common Fund Fee). If the Class Member chooses this alternative, the Class Member may pay their share of the pro rata Common Fund Fee by using funds in an existing retirement account (such as an IRA) to the extent permitted by law without SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - 34

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incurring taxes or they may choose to repay DRS over five years either by payroll deductions for those employed in PERS positions or by a payment plan acceptable to DRS for those not employed in PERS positions. Each Class Member is solely responsible for any tax consequences of proceeding under this paragraph.

139. If a Class Member withdraws from PERS before retiring, DRS shall calculate, as of the time of the withdrawal, the present value of the future benefit check deductions that would have been made under this Agreement. DRS shall be entitled to offset and retain that amount before paying any remaining balance owed to the Class Member.

XII. COURT'S AUTHORITY AND ENFORCEMENT

140. This Settlement Agreement is a product of substantial negotiations and compromises by the parties, and thus the Settlement Agreement represents a unitary whole and each and every term therein is an integral part of the entire Agreement. Pursuant to Civil Rule 23, the Court will determine whether the proposed settlement as a whole is fair and reasonable and whether to approve or reject the entire Settlement Agreement. Except as provided in the Agreement, the Court is not authorized to modify the terms of the negotiated settlement. Prior to the Effective Date, all proceedings in the Action will be stayed except those relating or necessary to the approval, implementing, interpreting and enforcing the Settlement Agreement. The Court retains authority after the Effective Date to implement, interpret and enforce this Agreement, to resolve minor ambiguities, to make reasonable modifications to which the parties agree, and to correct minor mistakes and minor technical errors, provided the purposes and intent of the Agreement are fulfilled.

XIII. DISMISSAL OF CLAIMS AND COUNTERCLAIMS

141. Class Released Claims and the King County Released Claim that were or could have been brought in this action shall be dismissed with prejudice not later than forty-five (45) days after the Effective Date. After the dismissal of claims, the Court retains authority to implement, interpret and enforce the Agreement and to compel performance of all requirements of the Agreement that are intended to be carried out after dismissal of claims. As part of SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT - 35

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1	implementing, interpreting and enforcing the Settlement Agreement the Court retains authority
2	to resolve individual issues, if any, concerning PERS enrollment and PERS contributions, and
3	any individual issues concerning the retroactive PERS enrollment of individual Class Members
4	that occurs under this Agreement.
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EXHIBIT A

SERVICE CREDIT

September 1, 1991, and After

Plan 1

A PERS Plan 1 member earns service credit for each month of employment in an eligible position.

- A member compensated for 70 hours or more earns one month of service credit.
- A member earning some compensation but for less than 70 hours in a month earns 1/4 month of service credit.

Plan 2 or Plan 3

A PERS Plan 2 or Plan 3 member earns service credit for each month of employment in an eligible position.

- A member compensated for 90 hours or more earns one month of service credit.
- A member compensated for at least 70 hours but less than 90 hours earns 1/2 month of service credit.
- A member earning some compensation but for less than 70 hours earns 1/4 month of service credit.

Prior to September 1, 1991

Plan 1

Before September 1, 1991, a PERS Plan 1 member in an eligible position earned service credit on a monthly basis as follows:

- If compensated for 70 hours or more, the member earned one month of service credit.
- If compensated for less than 70 hours in a month, the member did not earn service credit for that month.

Plan 2 or Plan 3

Before September 1, 1991, a PERS Plan 2 or Plan 3 member in an eligible position earned service credit on a monthly basis as follows:

- If compensated for 90 hours or more, the member earned one month of service credit.
- If compensated for less than 90 hours, the member did not earn service credit for that month.

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10	Atwood, Jennifer
10	Bajra, Preman
11	Baker, Debra
**	Baker, Karen
12	Beard, Jennifer
	Beattie, Brian
13	Bendernagel, David
	Benjamin, Rodney
14	Berry, Audrey
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16	Black, James
10	Bloom, Ragnar
17	Bowles, Amy
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18	Bradley, Mark
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19	Breeton, Angela
20	Brian, Hope
20	Bright, Debra
21	Brinster, Jeanette
	Brownstein, Stacey
22	Buchanan, Graham
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23	Bussarakum, Isabel
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24	Cameron, Chad
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8	Cox, Amy
	Crawford, Wanda
9	Croft, D. Kim
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10	Cronin, Kim
11	Cuadra, Leslie
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20	Drenning, John
21	Driscoll, Denise
	Drogseth, Melinda
22	Dryden, Rachel
	Dubow, Jesse
23	Dunne, Thomas
24	Duran, Miguel
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25	Edmonds, Corey
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	Farden, Katie
6	Farley, Eileen
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6	Hill, Gordon
	Hochstrasser, Verna
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8	Honore, Travis
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9	Huffman, Carey
	Hunter, Linda
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1	Hurley, Katherine
	Jackson, Christine
2	James, Cloretta
	Jarvis, Zachary Jenkins, Judy
3	Johnson, Timothy
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11	Gill, Sharon
	Girard, Gregory
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10	Gormley, Cathleen
13	Gregory, Willie
14	Griffie, Norman
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15	Gustavson, Lori
12/12	Hammerstad, David
16	Hardy, Willie
17	Hartman, Jennifer
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9	Lind, Connie
10	Linton, Asia
	Lopez, Elizabeth
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12	Mador, Alan
13	Malat, Jill
•	Marlow, Ian
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	McConnell, Kevin
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	Rivas, Ruth
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	Stoddard, Michael
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20	Wiley, Joanne
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O'Brien, Kathleen
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Stark, Rahmie
Zacher, Nicole

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1	Cook, Annette
_	Cope, Erica
2	Copeland, Sean
3	Cosgrove, Jennifer
5	Cotton, Stephanie
4	Counts, Jr.,
	Cozad, Elisa
5	Croft, Catherine
	Crowe, Dineal
6	Culbertson, Jennifer
7	Cupps, Lucas
1	Curtis, Erin
8	Dansky, Kara
-	Davis, Jesse
9	Day, John
	Dederer, Anne
10	Dempsey, Amy
	Dennison, Joe
11	Derrico, Dave
12	Desimone, Amy
	Devine, Jenny
13	Devlin, Sean
	Dezengotita, Kate
14	Douglass, Lisa
15	Dunphy, Robert
13	Earle, Monalesia
16	Edmond, Lee
	Edwards, Lea
17	Eggertsen, Burton
	Ejarque, Raymond Escher, John
18	Everds, Mark
19	Felsman, Ashley
• ,	Ferrari-agudelo, Laura
20	Ferry, Ashley
2COME	Fisher, Danielle
21	Fitzgerald, Aida
22	Franklin, Krista
LL	Freeman, Lawrence
23	Freimuth, Andrea
2	Frost, Elisabeth
24	Fukumoto, Jennilee
25	Fuller, Kendra
23	Fullner, Erin
26	Funk, Lindsay
	Garrison, Eula
27	Gerlitz, Theresa

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	Gill, Karanbir
2	Ginsberg, Raphael
3	Glatzer, Ollie
,	Goldman, Jeffrey
4	Goldstein, Mordecai
ŀ	Graf-brennen, Miles
5	Grant, Terry
	Green, Latoya
6	Green, Marcel
7	Gregory, Jason
1	Greisch, Alice
8	Gross, Nicholas
Ĭ	Guneratne, Kathleen
9	Gutierrez, Isela
	Haenel, Alicia
10	Hahn, Jenny
	Hampton, Eve
11	Hansen, Angela
12	Harris, Candace
-	Hart, Brent
13	Hawkins, Sarah
	Hazen, Julie
14	Hicks, Shanon
15	Hill, Julia
13	Hillas, Duart
16	Holmes, Andrew
	Hutchinson, Ken
17	Hutchison, Saraellen
	Jacobsen, Sonja
18	Jensen, Erik
19	John, Jesse
19	Johnson, Holly
20	Johnson, Sean
	Johnson, Thomas
21	Jones, Salem Jones, Christine
_	Jones, Elisa
22	Kakar, Aisha
23	Kellogg-mortenson, Julie
-	Kendle, Dorey
24	Kern, Bryan
	Khandelwal, Anita
25	Kilpatric, Dylan
26	Kim, Jamie
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1	Knappert, Anton
2	Kudryn, Margaret
2	Kysar, Anne
3	Langham, Karla
	Larson, Amanda
4	Lasusa, Jenene
5	Lauderbaugh, Jann Lawrence, Lisa
3	Lee, Kay-c
6	Lee, Sang
	Leyba, Matthew
7	Liddy, Wayne
8	Lipman, Avi
O	Lovell, Erin
9	Lugo, Carlos
	Lundgren, Ellyn
10	Lusignan, Kerry
11	Lynn, Kate
11	Madrone, Adrian
12	Mainland, Jean
	Mangiaracina, Kelly
13	Manley, Mark
14	Marshall, Joseph
14	Marshall, Christine Martin, Vanessa
15	Marvy, Paul
	McCarthy, Michele
16	McCord, Melissa
17	McDaniel, David
17	McDermott, Matthew
18	McDonald, Robert
	McGowan, Matthew
19	McKenzie, Rochelle
20	McMurdo, Ann
-	McNamara, Antoine
21	Mendez, Damian
	Mentzer, Morgan Meyer, Sandra
22	Miller, Marilyn
23	Millikan, Alison
	Mills, Michelle
24	Min, Susan
	Mitchell, Jeanette
25	Montez, Susan
26	Montgomery, Janika
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27	Morrison, Mary

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2	Moseley, Sarah
2	Moua, Ge
3	Muth, Amy
	Muwero, Heather
4	Myles, Achebe
	Niemeyer, Patricia
5	Njoku, Noble
_	Norman, Daniel
6	Norwood, Ryan
7	Oelke, Suzanne
•	Offenbecher, Cooper
8	O'Leary, Kristin
	O'Neill, Marjorie
9	Ortiz, Carlos
10	Osher, Julia
10	Osterhage, Josl
11	Painter, Robyn
	Pascua, Madison
12	Payan, Nadine
	Pearson, Alyn
13	Perry, Armand
	Peterson, Janelle
14	Phelps, Porsche
15	Phillips, Galia
15	Piccolo, Christine
16	Pinkham, Malena
	Potts, Cory
17	Prettyman, Carmen
	Price, Robin
18	Ramsey, Robert
19	Range, Jack
1)	Reams-giersch, Julia
20	Reilly, Renee
	Rekhi, Heather Repanich, Andrew
21	Ricciardi, Michael
22	Rice, Andrew
22	Ridge, Paul
23	Ridge, 1 auf Roberts, Haley
23	Rodriguez, Andrea
24	Rodriguez, Ahdrea Rodriguez Abad, Abad,
	Rogers, Karin
25	Rogers, Karin Rosen, Joshua
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26	Royalty, Paula
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•	Rubia, Nicole
2	Russell, Patricia
3	Sampson, Rani
A S	Sanders, Shaakirrah
4	Sanderson, Karen
_	Scarsella, Alisha
5	Schaer, Joshua
6	Secrest, Sheley
U	Sekhon, Nirej
7	Selfridge, Marian
	Sellers, Michelle Shah, Roheela
8	Shea, Kathleen
9	Shuster, Ariell
7	Sinness, Kirsten
10	Sjursen, George
	Sklow, Diane
11	Slattery, Jennifer
10	Smith, Laura
12	Smith, Leslie
13	Snyder, David
	Spung, Debra
14	Stalker, Alex
1.5	Stelly, Jennifer
15	Stenberg, Carley
16	Stephens, Kyana
	Stephens, Mary
17	Straub, Heather
	Straub, Alexander
18	Strom, David Symms, Jennifer
19	Taft, Robin
	Tavel, Phillip
20	Thomas, Janet
٥.	Tobias, Rachel
21	Torres, Fernanda
22	Trinkl, Monica
	Trowbridge, Paul
23	Truong, Tai
	Tucker, Laurie
24	Tucker, Chrishendra
25	Tungova, Jana
	Tutmarc, Andrea
26	Tuttle, Naomi
27	Tvedt, Collete
27	Unten, Christine

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1	valdez, Saran
20	Valencia, Erika
2	Vanderhaar, Caroline
3	Vanderwerf, Stevan
٦	Voget, Jane
4	Wagonfeld, Ariella
	Walker, Trish
5	Weil, Noah
	White, Miriam
6	White, Laura
_	Whitson, Andrew
7	Wilhite, Robert
8	Williams, Harry
Ü	Williams, Desiree
9	Williamson, Jill
	Wilson, Amanda
10	Winchester, Tonia
	Wong-gantt, Melinda
11	Wright, Sherry
12	Wyeth, Jennifer
12	Wysocki, Cindy
13	Yoon, Ellen
	Young, Ellie
14	Young, Joel
	Zaleski, Alice
15	Zevenbergen, Haley
16	Zytniak, Karen
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RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RATES PERS Plan 2 and 3 - Non-State Agencies (Political Subdivisions)

PERS 2 PLAN and PERS 3 PLAN

FROM THIS DATE	THROUGH THIS DATE	EMPLOYER PICK-UP RATE	EMPLOYER RATE
10/01/77	06/30/79	0.0551	0.0707
07/01/79	06/30/81	0.0551	0.0741
07/01/81	07/31/82	0.0511	0.0650
08/01/82	06/30/83	0.0511	0.0856
07/01/83	06/30/85	0.0511	0.0731
07/01/85	06/30/86	0.0483	0.0792
07/01/86	06/30/87	0.0483	0.0797
07/01/87	08/31/88	0.0490	0.0816
09/01/88	06/30/89	0.0490	0.0622
07/01/89	08/31/90	0.0470	0.0650
09/01/90	08/31/91	0.0470	0.0761
09/01/91	12/31/91	0.0470	0.0794
01/01/92	08/31/92	0.0485	0.0794
09/01/92	06/30/93	0.0485	0.0751
07/01/93	08/31/93	0.0485	0.0746
09/01/93	08/31/95	0.0500	0.0758
09/01/95	08/31/97	0.0508	0.0762
09/01/97	06/30/99	0.0465	0.0750
07/01/99	04/30/00	0.0185	0.0460
05/01/00	08/31/00	0.0154	0.0381
09/01/00	06/30/01	0.0243	0.0467
07/01/01	03/31/02	0.0088	0.0177
04/01/02	04/30/02	0.0065	0.0133
05/01/02	06/30/03	0.0085	0.0132
07/01/03	08/31/04	0.0118	0.0140
09/01/04	06/30/05	0.0118	D.0138
07/01/05	06/30/06	0.0225	0.0244
07/01/06	12/31/06	0.0350	0.0369
01/01/07	06/30/07	0.0350	0.0546
07/01/07	08/31/07	0.0415	0.0612
09/01/07	06/30/08	0.0415	0.0613
07/01/08	06/30/09	0.0545	0.0831
07/01/09	08/31/09	0.0389	0.0529
09/01/09	06/30/11	0.0390	0.0\$31
07/01/11	08/31/11	0.0459	0.0707
09/01/11	03/31/12	0.0464	0.0725
04/01/12	06/30/12	0.0464	0.0708
07/01/12		0.0464	0.0721

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PERS 1 PLAN

FROM THIS DATE	THROUGH THIS DATE	EMPLOYER PICK-UP RATE	EMPLOYER RATE
07/01/77	06/30/79	0.06	0.0567
07/01/79	08/30/81	0.06	0.0736
07/01/81	07/31/82	0.06	0.0650
08/01/82	06/30/83	0.06	0.0656
07/01/83	06/30/85	0.06	0.0731
07/01/85	06/30/86	0.06	0.0876
07/01/86	06/30/87	0.06	0.0881
07/01/87	08/31/88	0.06	0.0612
09/01/88	06/30/89	0.06	0.0618
07/01/89	08/31/90	0.06	0 .0650
09/01/90	08/31/91	0.06	0.0761
09/01/91	08/31/92	0.06	0.0794
09/01/92	06/30/93	0.06	0.0751
07/01/93	08/31/93	0.06	0.0746
09/01/93	08/31/95	0.06	0.0758
09/01/95	08/31/97	0.06	0.0762
09/01/97	06/30/99	0.06	0.0750
07/01/99	04/30/00	0.06	0.0460
05/01/00	08/31/00	0.06	0.0381
09/01/00	06/30/01	0.08	0.0467
07/01/01	03/31/02	0.06	0.0177
04/01/02	04/30/02	0.06	0.0133
05/01/02	06/30/03	0.06	0.0132
07/01/03	08/31/04	0.06	0.0140
09/01/04	06/30/05	0.06	0.0138
07/01/05	06/30/06	0.08	0.0244
07/01/06	12/31/06	0.06	0.0369
01/01/07	06/30/07	0.06	0.0546
07/01/07	08/31/07	0.06	0.0612
09/01/07	06/30/08	0.06	0.0613
07/01/08	06/30/09	0.06	0.0831
07/01/09	08/31/09	0.06	0.0529
09/01/09	06/30/11	0.06	0.0531
07/01/11	08/31/11	0.06	0.0707
09/01/11	03/31/12	0.06	0.0725
04/01/12	06/30/12	0.06	0.0708
07/01/12	70.550	0.06	0.0721

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