



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

February 2, 2016

Motion 14559

Proposed No. 2016-0096.2

Sponsors von Reichbauer

1 A MOTION relating to the organization of the council;
2 amending a restriction on hiring staff formerly employed
3 by another member; and amending Motion 10651, Section
4 VI, as amended, and OR 3-010.

5 WHEREAS, the council has previously by motion restricted members from hiring
6 as personal or district support and constituent services staff persons who were within the
7 previous twelve months employed by another member, and

8 WHEREAS, the purpose of this restriction was to prevent confidential policy
9 advisors of one member from entering employment with another serving member, and

10 WHEREAS, this unnecessarily restricts the ability of members to hire staff and
11 for individuals be employed by members when their services to the county could provide
12 great public benefit and would not present any potential conflict with another serving
13 councilmember, and

14 WHEREAS, the council therefore desires to amend this restriction;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

16 I. Motion 10651, Section VI, as amended, and OR 3-010 are each hereby
17 amended to read as follows:

18 **Use of councilmembers' district accounts and district support and**
19 **constituent services accounts.**

20 A.1. All salaries and benefits for a councilmember and a councilmember's
21 personal staff shall be paid out of the councilmember's district account, and all salaries
22 and benefits for a councilmember's district support and constituent services staff shall be
23 paid out of the councilmember's district support and constituent services account.

24 2.a. The council prohibits councilmembers from hiring as personal or district
25 support and constituent services staff persons who have been employed within the prior
26 twelve months:

27 (1) as a council policy or administrative central staff member classified at
28 range 23 or above in the Legislative Branch Classification Plan; or

29 (2) persons who have been employed (~~((within the prior twelve months))~~) as a
30 personal or district support and constituent services staff member of another currently
31 serving councilmember, except with the consent of (~~((the former employer))~~) that
32 councilmember.

33 b. District account and district support and constituent services account
34 moneys cannot be used to pay the salary or benefits of persons prohibited from being
35 hired as set forth subsection A.2.a. of this section.

36 c. This subsection A.2. shall not apply to any employee hired as a personal
37 staff member before October 13, 2008.

38 3. The central council account, a district account or a district support and
39 constituent services account may not be used to fund benefits for employees whose
40 employment as personal and district support and constituent services staff is prohibited
41 by subsection A.2. of this section.

42 B.1. All expenditures for mail originating from an individual councilmember's
43 office shall be paid for out of that councilmember's district account or district support and
44 constituent services account, except for mailings of ten items or less, which may be paid
45 for out of the council administration budget, and for postage that may be funded from the
46 council administration budget subject to the approval of the chair of the council.

47 2. A councilmember shall not send any mass mailing that is deposited in the
48 mail between the date the councilmember has filed a declaration and affidavit of
49 candidacy with the department of elections and election day in any year in which an
50 election is to be held to fill the councilmember's office. However, mailings may be made
51 after the last day for filing for office if the councilmember has not filed for the office.
52 For the purposes of this subsection B.2, "mass mailing" means any mailing of more than
53 two hundred pieces that contains essentially identical messages and that is prepared or
54 sent by or on behalf of an individual councilmember at council expense.

55 C. All expenditures for rent, office equipment and furniture, utilities and
56 telephones to support a councilmember's outside district office shall be paid out of the
57 councilmember's district support and constituent services account.

58 D. All travel expenditures incurred by a councilmember or the councilmember's
59 or personal staff or the councilmember's district support and constituent services staff
60 shall be paid for out of the councilmember's district support and constituent services
61 account or from the councilmember's district support and constituent services account, or
62 from the council administration budget with the approval of the chair of the council.

63 E. All other expenditures for community meetings, training, publications,
64 newspaper advertising, nonnewspaper advertising, cellular phones, cellular phone

65 services or other related activities as determined by the councilmember shall be paid out
66 of the councilmember's district account or from the councilmember's district support and
67 constituent services account, or from the council administration budget with the approval
68 of the chair of the council.

69 F. Whenever questions about expenditures may arise, a councilmember shall

70 consult with the chief of staff, legal counsel or the chief of staff's designee as necessary
71 in considering whether a specific expenditure is authorized by this section OR 3-010.
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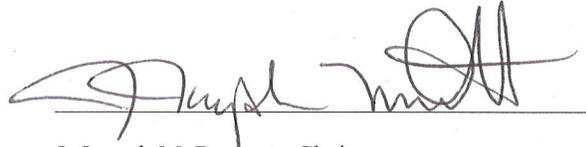
Motion 14559 was introduced on 2/1/2016 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/1/2016, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles
and Ms. Balducci

No: 0

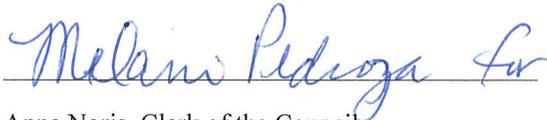
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None