



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 22, 2017

Resolution 17-07

Proposed No. 17-07.2

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION calling for the protection of evidence-
2 based programs designed to reduce unintended and teen
3 pregnancies and health disparities for the most-vulnerable
4 populations.

5 WHEREAS, family planning clinical services and sexual health education are
6 twin pillars that support an overall strategy to reduce unintended pregnancy, and

7 WHEREAS, both approaches have been successful because of combined efforts
8 at the local, state and federal levels, and

9 WHEREAS, family planning clinical services depend substantially on the Title X
10 Family Planning Program, a federal grant program that supports health centers that
11 provide a range of high-quality preventive health services, including breast and cervical
12 cancer detection, screening for sexually transmitted diseases, HIV testing, health
13 education and contraception, and

14 WHEREAS, service providers in King County, including Public Health - Seattle
15 & King County, Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest and the Hawaiian Islands
16 and Cedar River Clinics, receive Title X funds services, and to support clinical services
17 for people most in need of public support for family planning, and

18 WHEREAS, we are concerned the U.S. Department of Health and Human
19 Services Title X grants administered April and July 2017 were for a one-year grant period

20 instead of the former three-year grant period, as it signals an attempt to change the
21 evidence-based Title X program in mid-2018 when the grant period ends, and

22 WHEREAS, since 2008, birth rates among King County's teens have fallen by
23 fifty-five percent, and

24 WHEREAS, Public Health - Seattle & King County has created one of the most
25 respected sexual health education programs in the United States, called FLASH, and

26 WHEREAS, the curriculum for FLASH is used worldwide, in every region in the
27 United States and every school district in King County, and

28 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services decided to
29 shorten the project length of the Office of Adolescent Health's Teen Pregnancy
30 Prevention Programs after just three years, two years earlier than planned, and

31 WHEREAS, those dollars were funding evaluation research to ensure that
32 programs being used in communities across the country are effective, and

33 WHEREAS, cuts mean researchers are not able to analyze data that has been
34 collected, making it difficult to draw conclusions on the effectiveness of efforts to
35 prevent teen pregnancy, and

36 WHEREAS, funding cuts and program changes to both Title X and Teen
37 Pregnancy Prevention Programs will significantly impact access to preventive health
38 services for the most-vulnerable populations;

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
40 County:

41 The Board of Health calls on Congress and the U.S. Department of Health and
42 Human Services, to protect existing evidence-based programs and emerging science-

43 based programs designed to reduce unintended and teen pregnancies and health
44 disparities for the most-vulnerable populations.

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Resolution 17-07 was introduced on and passed as amended by the Board of Health on 9/21/2017, by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Mr. Baker, Dr. Danielson, Ms. Bagshaw, Mr. McDermott,
Mr. Dembowski, Dr. Daniell, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms.
Juarez and Ms. Birney

No: 0

Excused: 2 - Ms. Lambert and Ms. Wales

BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Rod Dembowski, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None