



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 15943

Proposed No. 2021-0289.2

Sponsors Dembowski

1 A MOTION requesting the executive provide an
2 assessment report that makes recommendations on roles
3 and responsibilities of the county and the King County
4 Regional Homelessness Authority in responding to the
5 regional homelessness crisis, and a motion accepting the
6 assessment report.

7 WHEREAS, on November 2, 2015, King County executive Dow Constantine and
8 Seattle mayor Ed Murray proclaimed homelessness to be in a state of emergency in King
9 County and the city of Seattle, and

10 WHEREAS, the county executive's 2015 proclamation stated that approximately
11 ten thousand individuals were experiencing homelessness in King County, including
12 more than three thousand seven hundred unsheltered individuals, and

13 WHEREAS, the number of individuals in King County experiencing
14 homelessness has increased since 2015 to more than eleven thousand seven hundred
15 individuals in January 2020, including more than five thousand five hundred unsheltered
16 individuals, according to the 2020 Point-in-Time Count for Seattle and King County, and

17 WHEREAS, on December 18, 2019, King County executive Dow Constantine
18 and Seattle mayor Jenny Durkan entered into an interlocal agreement approved by the
19 metropolitan King County council, the regional policy committee and the Seattle city

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20 council creating a new King County Regional Homelessness Authority to oversee a
21 coordinated and unified response to homelessness, and

22 WHEREAS, in the interlocal agreement, the county and city expressed their intent
23 to provide annual funding to the authority equivalent to the amount of each jurisdiction's
24 2019 budgeted spending on homelessness, and

25 WHEREAS, since execution of the interlocal agreement, the King County council
26 adopted Ordinance 19179, imposing a one-tenth of one percent sales tax, known as the
27 Health Through Housing sales tax, which is expected to generate approximately fifty
28 million dollars in annual revenue for construction of new affordable housing units and
29 construction and operation of new behavioral health facilities, and

30 WHEREAS, the King County executive has announced the purchases, supported
31 by the Health Through Housing sales tax, of six hotels with three located in Seattle, and
32 one each located in Renton, Auburn and Redmond to house individuals experiencing
33 chronic homelessness, and

34 WHEREAS, Challenge Seattle, an alliance of chief executive officers from
35 twenty one of the region's largest employers, has issued a report, entitled Chronic
36 Homelessness: A Crossroad, that cites successes in reducing chronic homelessness in the
37 cities of San Diego and Bakersfield in California through individualized, on-demand
38 supportive services and coordination with the criminal justice, behavioral health and
39 healthcare systems;

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

41 A. The executive is requested to transmit to the council an assessment report that
42 provides a vision for and makes recommendations on the roles and responsibilities of the

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43 county and the King County Regional Homelessness Authority in responding to the
44 regional homelessness crisis. The assessment report should provide the vision for and
45 recommendations on the roles and responsibilities in the near term, which is the next year
46 or two years, intermediate term, which is three to five years in the future, and long term,
47 which is more than five years in the future.

48 B. The assessment report should identify investments and programs administered
49 by the county, such as Health Through Housing investments and funding for the Just
50 Care program, that support individuals experiencing or at risk of experiencing
51 homelessness and describe how the investments and programs will align with those
52 investments and programs administered by the King County Regional Homelessness
53 Authority. The assessment report should describe how the county and the Regional
54 Homelessness Authority will coordinate on capital investments in facilities and
55 operations and maintenance of the facilities.

56 C. The assessment report should identify which, if any, recommendations of
57 Challenge Seattle's Chronic Homelessness: A Crossroad report should be implemented,
58 and describe the roles and responsibilities of the county and the King County Regional
59 Homelessness Authority in implementing the recommendations.

60 D. The executive should consult with the city of Seattle, the regional
61 homelessness authority and the Sound Cities Association in developing the assessment
62 report.

63 E. The executive should electronically file the assessment report requested by
64 this motion no later than June 30, 2022, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the
65 original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff,

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- 66 the chief policy officer and the lead staff for the committee of the whole, or its successor.
67 The assessment report should be accompanied by a proposed motion that should accept
68 the assessment report.

Motion 15943 was introduced on 8/17/2021 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/28/2021, by the following vote:

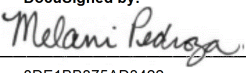
Yes: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Upthegrove, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Zahilay

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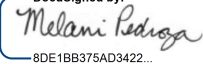
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