



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 16485

Proposed No. 2023-0340.1

Sponsors Perry and Dembowski

1 A MOTION expressing support for the Re+ Strategic Plan.

2 WHEREAS, climate change is an urgent challenge with far-reaching current and
3 future impacts to our environment, public health, and economy, and

4 WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration declared that
5 in June 2023 the Earth experienced the hottest June on record, and

6 WHEREAS, climate change and related extreme heat events account for twenty-
7 four percent of all weather-related deaths, and

8 WHEREAS, King County is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions
9 and reducing the impacts of climate change on our communities, and

10 WHEREAS, King County and King County Cities Climate Collaboration partners
11 are measuring, reporting, and developing new strategies to reduce consumption-related
12 greenhouse gas emissions, and

13 WHEREAS, greenhouse gas emissions generated globally from the production,
14 transport, use, and disposal of goods, foods, and services consumed in King County are a
15 major part of our communities' climate footprint and are more than locally generated
16 greenhouse gas emissions, and

17 WHEREAS, with the enactment of Ordinance 14811 in 2003, the King County
18 council adopted and codified a goal for King County to achieve zero waste of resources
19 by 2030 through cost-effective prevention, reuse, and reduction of solid wastes going into
20 its landfills and other processing facilities, and

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21 WHEREAS, "zero waste of resources" is defined in K.C.C. 10.04.020 as "a
22 planning principle and framework designed to eliminate the disposal of materials with
23 economic value through reuse, recycling, or both," and

24 WHEREAS, the 2019 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan ("the 2019
25 CSWMP") approved by Ordinance 18893 reaffirmed the county's goal to achieve zero
26 waste of resources by 2030, and

27 WHEREAS, the King County 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan ("the 2020
28 SCAP") adopted by Motion 15866 included "consumption and materials management" as
29 a focus area and outlined a series of actions and recommendations related to the county's
30 regional solid waste system, and

31 WHEREAS, the 2019 King County Waste Characterization and Customer Survey
32 Report states that up to seventy-two percent of what ends up in the landfill could be
33 composted, reused, or recycled, and

34 WHEREAS, reclaiming these items and repurposing them through composting,
35 reuse, or recycling is a necessary and prudent component to helping King County reach
36 its zero-waste goal, and

37 WHEREAS, King County's Re+ program aims to divert recoverable material
38 from the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill ("landfill"), which should reduce greenhouse gas
39 emissions and contribute to a circular economy, and

40 WHEREAS, the Re+ Strategic Plan was published in November 2022 and a
41 formal public launch occurred in February 2023, and

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42 WHEREAS, executive staff provided briefings to the council on the RE+
43 Strategic Plan this year in the transportation, economy and environment committee on
44 March 21, 2023, and in the regional policy committee on June 14, 2023, and

45 WHEREAS, since July 2022, King County staff have been making presentations
46 to cities on the Re+ program, and

47 WHEREAS, executive staff indicate that the Re+ program is consistent with,
48 consolidates, and accelerates progress towards achieving the approved goals and
49 strategies of the 2020 SCAP, the 2019 CSWMP, and the Joint Climate Action
50 Commitment of the King County Cities Climate Collaborative, and

51 WHEREAS, the Re+ program is providing competitive grants to community
52 based organizations and cities, technical support, and providing model language for
53 countywide program and policy implementation, and

54 WHEREAS, in alignment with Policy ES-3 in the 2019 CSWMP and the
55 Sustainable & Resilient Frontline Communities section of the 2020 SCAP, as well other
56 County plans, efforts to increase recycling, reuse, composting, and diversion from landfill
57 disposal must engage in ways that are fair, equitable, and inclusive towards those who are
58 part of historically under-represented communities, and

59 WHEREAS, the population of unincorporated King County is greater than any
60 one city making King County's leadership essential to the collaboration and
61 implementation of the Re+ Strategic Plan in coordination with the county's city and
62 community partners, and

63 WHEREAS, as of June 2023 sixty-three of King County cities have signed the
64 City Re+ Pledge affirming their shared support for the Re+ program and many cities are

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65 actively pursuing approval of the pledge as a first step in showing their shared
66 commitments and mutual goals;

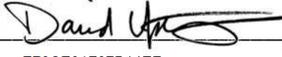
67 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

68 That the King County council expresses support for the Re+ Strategic Plan, city
69 and county collaboration efforts related to the RE+ Strategic Plan, and efforts to reach
70 King County's goal of zero waste by 2030.

Motion 16485 was introduced on 9/26/2023 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 11/28/2023, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry,
McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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