



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 16829

Proposed No. 2025-0162.2

Sponsors Balducci

1 A MOTION expressing no confidence in the ability of John
2 Arthur Wilson to continue to carry out the duties of King
3 County assessor and calling for John Arthur Wilson's
4 immediate resignation.

5 WHEREAS, the office of King County assessor is to accurately and
6 systematically determine the value of each property in King County so that the public can
7 trust the property taxes collected from property owners in King County shall be equitable
8 across classes of property, and

9 WHEREAS, John Arthur Wilson was elected to the office of King County
10 assessor on November 3, 2015, and was last reelected to the office of King County
11 assessor on November 7, 2023, and

12 WHEREAS, it has recently come to the attention of the council through news
13 media outlet reports that for over a year Mr. Wilson has been embroiled in a domestic
14 dispute, during the course of which Mr. Wilson is accused of stalking and harassing a
15 King County resident, and

16 WHEREAS, On May 9, 2024, the King County superior court issued a temporary
17 protection order preventing Mr. Wilson from contacting that same King County resident
18 due to disturbing allegations of repeated stalking and harassment, and

19 WHEREAS, On May 13, 2025, the King County superior court issued an
20 immediate restraining order preventing Mr. Wilson from contacting the same King

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21 County resident based on renewed allegations of a continued pattern of stalking and
22 harassment, and

23 WHEREAS, it is also alleged that Mr. Wilson improperly used county resources
24 to engage in the stalking, and

25 WHEREAS, court records and public reporting reflect a continuing pattern of
26 inappropriate behavior and a failure by Mr. Wilson acknowledge any wrongdoing,
27 leaving open a real concern that this type of behavior will persist, and

28 WHEREAS, it is crucial that elected officials in King County conduct their
29 professional and personal affairs in ways that maintain the public's trust and faith in the
30 officials' integrity and abilities, and

31 WHEREAS, employees in the King County assessor's office deserve a leader who
32 possesses sound judgment and the highest integrity to the guide the important work in the
33 King County assessor's office, and

34 WHEREAS, the behavior and actions alleged in the court filings on which the
35 court orders were based are repugnant and inconsistent with the level of personal
36 decorum and professionalism expected of an elected official, and

37 WHEREAS, the council finds that allegations on which the court orders against
38 Mr. Wilson are based are extremely serious and have caused irrevocable harm to the
39 public's trust and faith in John Arthur Wilson's ability to perform the duties of King
40 County assessor, and

41 WHEREAS the council has lost confidence in Mr. Wilson's judgement, aptitude,
42 and ability to perform the duties of King County assessor;

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

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44 The King County council has lost confidence in John Arthur Wilson to carry out
45 the duties of King County assessor and therefore calls for John Arthur Wilson's
46 immediate resignation.

Motion 16829 was introduced on 6/3/2025 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/10/2025, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn,
von Reichbauer and Zahilay
Excused: 1 - Dunn

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Girmay Zahilay, Chair

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