



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 16209

Proposed No. 2022-0346.1

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1 A MOTION requesting the executive to provide a county
2 response to support the people affected by severe flooding
3 in Pakistan since June 2022.

4 WHEREAS, since June 2022, the country of Pakistan has been devastated by
5 severe flooding caused by unprecedented monsoon rains and melting glaciers from a
6 severe heat wave, causing the largest natural disaster the world has seen in over 10 years,
7 and

8 WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization as of September 1,
9 2022, the flood has killed at least 1,302 individuals, including 416 children, and injured at
10 least 3,554 individuals and the death toll continues to grow daily, and

11 WHEREAS, according to the Pakistan Federal Minister of Climate Change
12 Sherry Rehman, the flood has displaced over 33 million individuals and to date has
13 caused more than \$10 billion worth of damage, and

14 WHEREAS, according to Minister Rehman, one-third of Pakistan or 100
15 thousand square miles has been completely submerged by this historic flooding event; for
16 perspective, the state of Washington is 70 thousand square miles in size, and

17 WHEREAS, according to Minister Rehman, Pakistan has seen the highest rainfall
18 in over thirty years with rain being 780 percent above average, and

19 WHEREAS, according to the United States Geological Survey Professional Paper
20 on glaciers of Pakistan, due to Pakistan's high mountain terrain, the country has the

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21 largest and longest glaciers on earth along the mid-latitudes and climate change has
22 impacted glacial erosion in Pakistan, and

23 WHEREAS, according to the United Nations and Minister Rehman, Pakistan
24 produces just 0.4 percent of global CO2 emissions, yet it is one of the countries that is
25 most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change due to its glaciers and monsoons. For
26 comparison, the United States produces 21.5 percent, China produces 16.5 percent and
27 the European Union produces 15 percent of global CO2 emissions, and

28 WHEREAS, on August 30, 2022, the United States Agency for International
29 Development ("USAID") has provided over \$30 million in humanitarian assistance to
30 support Pakistan to prioritize urgently needed support for food, nutrition, multi-purpose
31 cash, safe water, sanitation, hygiene and shelter assistance, and

32 WHEREAS, on September 2, 2022, USAID has also deployed a disaster
33 assistance response team to Pakistan, and

34 WHEREAS, the Pakistan Association of Greater Seattle based out of Seattle, WA
35 is leading the support efforts locally by holding a two-week telethon that has raised over
36 \$1.75 million to date, and

37 WHEREAS, the Pakistan Association of Greater Seattle has set up a donation
38 platform for immediate relief aid to organizations on the ground in Pakistan which are
39 directly supporting families in need in this incredible crisis, and

40 WHEREAS, the council has a history of requesting the executive to provide a
41 county response to support the people of other countries that are impacted by disasters
42 such as Motion 16108, passed in April 2022, to respond to the crisis in Ukraine and

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43 Motion 15518, passed in September 2019, to provide relief for the people of the Bahamas
44 who were impacted by Hurricane Dorian;

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

46 The executive is requested to provide a county response to support the people
47 affected by severe flooding in Pakistan. The response should include, but not be limited
48 to, the following:

49 A. Consulting with, collaborating with and providing support to local nonprofit
50 organizations that have established ties to the people of Pakistan and that are already
51 providing support to the relief efforts, such as the Pakistan Association of Greater Seattle;

52 B. Leveraging the employee giving program established under K.C.C. 3.36.030,
53 leave for volunteer service policy established under K.C.C. 3.12.225 and donation of
54 vacation or compensatory hours to nonprofit organizations policy established under
55 K.C.C. 3.12.222, to provide opportunities for county employees to support the relief
56 efforts. The executive should develop ways to streamline the use of these programs to
57 ensure support is delivered quickly and efficiently with minimal administrative burden;

58 C. Donating any county surplus resources such as medical supplies, hygiene
59 products and emergency supply kits;

60 D. Offering technical expertise from county personnel, particularly from
61 employees in the office of emergency management and the department of natural
62 resources and parks;

63 E. Consulting with the King County immigrant and refugee commission to obtain
64 more ideas on supporting the relief efforts; and

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65 F. Collaborating with federal, state and local governments that have committed to
66 providing support to the people of Pakistan to ensure support is delivered quickly and
67 efficiently with minimal administrative burden.

Motion 16209 was introduced on 9/13/2022 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/13/2022, by the following vote:

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

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