



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 15955

Proposed No. 2021-0318.3

Sponsors Kohl-Welles, Dunn and von Reichbauer

1 A MOTION requesting that the King County executive
2 transmit a report to the King County council that includes
3 plans for assessing and addressing safety concerns relating
4 to City Hall park and the King County Courthouse,
5 providing shelter and services to any current and potential
6 future occupants of City Hall park and assessing and
7 recommending options for the county to acquire City Hall
8 park.

9 WHEREAS, City Hall park is located directly adjacent to the King County
10 courthouse in downtown Seattle, and

11 WHEREAS, the King County Courthouse is the seat of government for all of
12 King County and is where all 2,300,000 residents are able to access justice as well as
13 other county services, and should be able to be assured they can do so safely, and

14 WHEREAS, City Hall park is owned and operated by the city of Seattle, and

15 WHEREAS, the area surrounding the King County Courthouse and City Hall park
16 has been the scene of a number of violent incidents that have been recognized as a
17 significant problem for safety of the public, the county, local residents, businesses and
18 their employees, courthouse employees and other county employees working at the civic
19 campus, and

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20 WHEREAS, county employees and members of the public have been and are at
21 risk of being assaulted while trying to enter or depart their places of work or use public
22 facilities, such as the courthouse, and

23 WHEREAS, King County has appropriated approximately \$2.7 million to
24 enhance security in and around the courthouse since 2019, and

25 WHEREAS, people experiencing homelessness had been living in the park in a
26 tent encampment, and

27 WHEREAS, King County has appropriated \$50 million in federal American
28 Rescue Plan Act moneys to support emergency homelessness response and related
29 behavioral health services to provide safe and healthy settings for at least 500 people
30 living outside or in vehicles in downtown Seattle and the urban unincorporated areas of
31 the county, and

32 WHEREAS, from that appropriation, King County has allocated significant
33 funding, in partnership with the Public Defender Association, its partners and the city of
34 Seattle, to provide those living in the park with services and assistance in procuring
35 temporary housing, and

36 WHEREAS, the King County council desires to understand various options and
37 approaches to creating a safe environment for county employees and members of the
38 public in and around the courthouse and City Hall park, including the feasibility of the
39 county acquiring City Hall park from the city of Seattle to be used for future county
40 purposes such as improving the current county civic campus, or revitalizing the park in a
41 creative way to the benefit of King County employees and users of the courthouse and
42 other county buildings, as well as the general public;

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

44 A. The council requests that the executive transmit a report that includes:

45 1. A description of the key factors driving violence and disorder around the
46 courthouse and prior efforts to address the problem, including, but not limited to:

47 a. crime and incident statistics from Seattle police department, the King
48 County facilities management division, and the King County sheriff's office from 2018 to
49 July 1, 2021;

50 b. mapping nearby homeless shelters and services active in the summer of
51 2021;

52 c. engagement and workgroups with the city of Seattle, neighborhood groups,
53 business organizations and service providers; and

54 d. programs funded by King County and the city of Seattle designed to address
55 homeless encampments in City Hall park; and

56 2. A plan to address safety concerns in and around the courthouse, including
57 City Hall park. The plan should take a holistic look at the problem and provide a
58 recommended course of action, which could include, but is not limited to:

59 a. an assessment and analysis of approaches to address safety and other
60 concerns, using methods such as Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design,
61 which is also known as CPTED, or another similar multifaceted approach;

62 b. a description of ways in which the county will engage with the city of
63 Seattle, the Metro transit department, local businesses, residents and neighborhood and
64 community-based groups to address safety and other concerns;

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65 c. a plan for relocating any current or any potential future occupants of an
66 encampment located in City Hall park to temporary housing or shelters, or permanent
67 supportive housing, as needed;

68 d. a cost-benefit analysis of restoration of the original courthouse entrance
69 located on Jefferson Street, which abuts City Hall park;

70 e. if an agreement between the city of Seattle and King County to acquire City
71 Hall park has not been reached by December 31, 2021, an assessment of options for
72 acquiring City Hall park from the city of Seattle for the purpose of using the park for
73 future county needs including, but not limited to, financial, operational, legal and other
74 considerations, as well as possible future county uses of the park including, but not
75 limited to, improving the current county civic campus; and

76 f. a description of how the recommended course of action informs and relates
77 to the current civic campus planning initiative.

78 B. The executive should electronically file the report no later than January 15,

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79 2022, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an
80 electronic copy to all councilmembers.

Motion 15955 was introduced on 8/17/2021 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/19/2021, by the following vote:

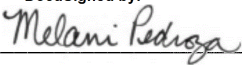
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Ms. Lambert, Mr. Upthegrove and Mr. von Reichbauer
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