



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 15978

Proposed No. 2021-0349.2

Sponsors Kohl-Welles and Dunn

1 A MOTION calling on the executive to support efforts to
2 combat human trafficking and the commercial sexual
3 exploitation of children through a public awareness
4 campaign.

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6 WHEREAS, human trafficking is thought by some to be modern-day form of
7 slavery in which people profit from the control and exploitation of others, and

8 WHEREAS, as defined under federal law, victims of human trafficking include
9 children involved in commercial sex trade, adults age eighteen or over who are coerced
10 or deceived into commercial sex acts, and anyone forced into different forms of "labor or
11 services," such as domestic workers held in a home, or farm workers forced to provide
12 their labor against their will, and

13 WHEREAS, human trafficking is considered to be one of the fastest-growing
14 criminal industries in the world, and

15 WHEREAS, human trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of
16 children are serious crime problems on a worldwide basis, in Washington state and in
17 King County, and

18 WHEREAS, the average age of entry into commercial sexual exploitation in the
19 United States is between twelve and fourteen years old, and

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20 WHEREAS, children as young as eleven years old have been commercially
21 sexually exploited in King County, and

22 WHEREAS, over ninety-five percent of labor and sex trafficking victims
23 experience physical and sexual violence, and

24 WHEREAS, Washington state has been described as a focal point for the
25 recruitment, transportation and sale of people for labor, due in part to its abundance of
26 ports, proximity to an international border, vast rural areas and dependency on
27 agricultural workers, and

28 WHEREAS, Washington state was the first state to criminalize human trafficking,
29 in 2003, and

30 WHEREAS, in 2011, the Metro transit department began participating in the Safe
31 Place program to assist at-risk youth in finding support and services, and

32 WHEREAS, the Washington state Legislature has continued to pass strong anti-
33 trafficking laws, making Washington state a model for comprehensive anti-human-
34 trafficking laws, and

35 WHEREAS, in 2018 King County worked with private companies and other local
36 agencies, including the Port of Seattle and the city of Seattle, as well as airline
37 companies, to launch a Stop Human Trafficking campaign, which aimed to: raise public
38 awareness about the nature of human trafficking, how and where it occurs locally and
39 how to prevent and stop it; and help identify victims and survivors and promote access to
40 services, and decrease demand through awareness, and

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41 WHEREAS, following this public awareness campaign, Washington state has the
42 eighth-highest call volume to the National Human Trafficking Hotline in 2019, an
43 increase from being the thirteenth-highest state in 2018;

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

45 A. It is the intent of the King County council to continue King County's work to
46 raise awareness and combat human trafficking, in collaboration with businesses,
47 organizations and all levels of government, including the statewide public awareness
48 campaign to commence January 2022.

49 B. The King County executive is requested to continue to support the efforts of
50 the statewide public awareness campaign to prevent human trafficking. The public
51 awareness campaign should include, but not be limited to, posting anti-human-trafficking
52 public awareness materials in key transit corridors, the interior and exterior of buses,
53 transit centers and county-managed buildings and locations where public awareness of

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- 54 human trafficking could have an impact. The campaign should begin no later than
55 January 15, 2022, and extend through at least March 15, 2022.

Motion 15978 was introduced on 9/21/2021 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/16/2021, by the following vote:

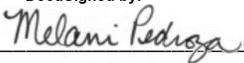
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Excused: 1 - Mr. Dunn

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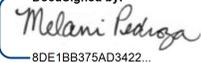
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