KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 16129

Proposed No. 2022-0090.2 Sponso

Sponsors Zahilay, von Reichbauer and Balducci

1 A MOTION requesting that the executive prepare an 2 assessment report to inform possible renewal of the voter-3 approved veterans, seniors and human services levy. 4 WHEREAS, in November 2005, in accordance with Ordinance 15279, King 5 County voters passed the first veterans and human services levy to generate funding for a 6 wide range of programs to assist veterans, military personnel and their families, and 7 individuals and families in need, and 8 WHEREAS, in August 2011, in accordance with Ordinance 17072, voters in King 9 County voted to renew the veterans and human services levy for another six years, and 10 WHEREAS, in November 2017, in accordance with Ordinance 18555, King 11 County voters approved the current six-year veterans, seniors and human services levy to 12 support the levy's priority populations, which are veterans and military servicemembers 13 and their families, seniors and their caregivers and vulnerable populations, and 14 WHEREAS, the current veterans, seniors and human services levy provides for 15 capital facilities and regional health and human services, and 16 WHEREAS, the current veterans, seniors and human services levy programming 17 focuses on five result areas, which are housing stability, healthy living, financial stability, 18 social engagement, and service system improvement and service system access, and

19	WHEREAS, the current veterans, seniors and human services levy allocates at		
20	least one percent of levy proceeds to fund technical assistance and capacity building, and		
21	WHEREAS, the current veterans, seniors and human services levy directs one-		
22	third of levy capital facilities and regional health and human services funding to each of		
23	the levy's three priority populations, and		
24	WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that more than 100,000 veterans		
25	reside in King County, which is approximately one-fifth of the veterans living in		
26	Washington state, and		
27	WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that more than twenty-five percent		
28	of King County residents are fifty-five years of age or older, and		
29	WHEREAS, 2020 U.S. Census data estimates nearly one in thirteen King County		
30	residents lives in poverty, and		
31	WHEREAS, the current veterans, seniors and human service levy will expire in		
32	December 2023, and		
33	WHEREAS, the current veterans, seniors and human services levy is a voter-		
34	approved, six-year levy lid left, renewal of which requires voter approval of a ballot		
35	measure, and		
36	WHEREAS, the King County council will consider whether to submit to the		
37	qualified electors for approval a 2023 ballot measure to renew the veterans, seniors and		
38	human services levy, and		
39	WHEREAS, an assessment report will provide information on implementation		
40	and outcomes of the existing veterans, seniors and human services levy-funded strategies		
41	and programs, and		

42	WHEREAS, this report will inform the King County council's deliberations			
43	regarding placing a potential ballot measure before voters for a renewed levy;			
44	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:			
45	A. The council requests that the executive submit for council review an			
46	assessment report of the veterans, seniors and human services levy-funded strategies and			
47	programs. The assessment report shall be developed in consultation with stakeholders			
48	and shall include at a minimum:			
49	1. An assessment of the effectiveness of the veterans, seniors and human			
50	services levy-funded programming, including the following:			
51	a. an analysis of investments by geographic area, including maps or data			
52	summaries reflecting available ZIP code data of residence of clients or participants			
53	served;			
54	b. a result-based analysis of the impact the veterans, seniors and human			
55	services levy has made in the five result areas;			
56	c. an analysis of levy proceeds used to fund technical assistance and capacity			
57	building; and			
58	d. an analysis of the veterans, seniors and human services levy's work in			
59	advancing equitable access to levy resources for King County human service providers			
60	and residents;			
61	2. Recommendations on the following:			
62	a. whether a renewed levy should maintain or modify the housing stability			
63	result area;			

64	b. whether a renewed levy should maintain or modify the healthy living result
65	area;
66	c. whether a renewed levy should maintain or modify the financial stability
67	result area;
68	d. whether a renewed levy should maintain or modify the social engagement
69	result area;
70	e. whether a renewed levy should maintain or modify the service system
71	improvement and service system access result area;
72	f. how a renewed levy would align and coordinate with the best starts for kids
73	levy and the mental illness and drug dependency sales tax, as well as other federal, state
74	and local funding streams and programs, so as to integrate, align and avoid duplication of
75	effort; and
76	g. whether to maintain or modify the distribution of levy funds among
77	population groups or result areas as presented in Ordinance 18555;
78	3. An assessment of the current needs and funding opportunities for services
79	related to gender-based violence and a recommendation on whether a renewed levy
80	should maintain, expand or otherwise modify funding for those services; and
81	4. An assessment of the current needs and funding opportunities for services for
82	individuals with behavioral health conditions who are most likely to be experiencing
83	homelessness, interactions with the criminal justice system or utilization of other social
84	or community services, and a recommendation on whether a renewed levy should include
85	funding for those services.

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B. The executive should file the veterans, seniors and human services levy
assessment report by July 30, 2022, in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy
with the clerk of the council. The clerk of the council shall retain the original and
provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, the policy

- staff director and the lead staff for the law, justice, health and human services committee
- and the regional policy committee, or their successors.

Motion 16129 was introduced on 3/22/2022 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 5/17/2022, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, Upthegrove and Zahilay

Excused: 2 - McDermott and von Reichbauer

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