



Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

May 2, 2017

Motion

Proposed No. 2017-0177.1

Sponsors McDermott and Dembowski

1 A MOTION related to county services to immigrants and
2 refugees, and the Washington State Attorney General's
3 Guidance Concerning Immigration Enforcement.

4 WHEREAS, King County has historically demonstrated values of openness and
5 welcome to all persons irrespective of origins, or of status as immigrant or refugee, and
6 wishes to so continue, and

7 WHEREAS, King County has been enriched by the multiplicity and diversity of
8 origin stories that compose the cultural narrative of the region, and

9 WHEREAS, there is increasing recognition of the need to legally and
10 appropriately protect the rights those populations that may face challenges to their
11 residential status as the result of changes in emphasis regarding federal immigration
12 policy, and

13 WHEREAS, the Washington state Office of the Attorney General, in
14 demonstrating such support, has undertaken to develop Guidance Concerning
15 Immigration Enforcement, intended to assist local jurisdictions in the development of
16 policies and practices in their relationship with immigrant and refugee communities, and

17 WHEREAS, the Attorney General's Guidance Concerning Immigration
18 Enforcement, while focused on viewing local service provision through an immigrant and
19 refugee-friendly lens, is intended to describe for local government agencies and other

20 entities in Washington state key elements of the legal landscape governing immigration
21 status, and

22 WHEREAS, review of county programs and services in light of the
23 recommendations of the Attorney General's Guidance Concerning Immigration
24 Enforcement may help to position the county in the most welcoming, and most
25 responsible possible position in their relationship with the immigrant and refugee
26 community, and

27 WHEREAS, such a review should include consideration of the county's current
28 ordinances that address immigrant and refugee policy and service provision, and

29 WHEREAS, a cooperative effort between the executive and the council in
30 undertaking such review could take advantage of the current and past efforts of each
31 body;

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

33 The council directs that the legislative services staff prepare a report addressing,
34 in general terms:

35 A. The types of services, King County Code, policies and programs of county
36 agencies that correspond to the recommendations of the Attorney General's Guidance
37 Concerning Immigrant Enforcement;

38 B. Whether existing code language corresponds with or is different than the
39 recommendations of the Attorney General's Guidance Concerning Immigration
40 Enforcement;

41 C. Whether and how the recommendations of the Attorney General's Guidance
42 Concerning Immigrant Enforcement could be used to modify the policies and approaches

43 of county agencies regarding immigrant and refugee populations; and

44 D. Options for convening a King County government-wide summit for discussion
45 and prioritization of actions related to the Attorney General's Guidance Concerning
46 Immigrant Enforcement.

47 The report shall be filed by July 1, 2017 in the form of a paper original and an
48 electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an
49 electronic copy to all councilmembers, the chief of staff, chief policy officer and the lead
50 staff for committee of the whole. In preparing the report, legislative services staff shall

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51 consult with legal counsel and executive staff on information gathered in previous and
52 ongoing immigrant and refugee policy work.
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Acting Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None