



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 14, 2018

Ordinance 18839

Proposed No. 2018-0552.1

**Sponsors Dembowski, McDermott and Kohl-
Welles**

1 AN ORDINANCE expanding the number of fellows for the
2 Ruth Woo emerging leaders fellowship program; and
3 amending Ordinance 18572, Section 1, as amended, and
4 K.C.C. 3.12.184.

5 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

6 1. In September 18, 2017, the council adopted Ordinance 18572 creating
7 the Ruth Woo emerging leaders fellowship program.

8 2. As stated in Ordinance 18572, it is the county’s desire that upon
9 completion of the fellowship, Ruth Woo fellows would understand the
10 branches of government and the importance of civic engagement, and
11 appreciate public service in its many forms, such as by elected officials,
12 staff, stakeholders and the public.

13 3. Expanding the number of Ruth Woo fellows and also broadening the
14 assignments to county agencies related to physical environment and health
15 and human services would broaden the perspective of public service,
16 particularly to those Ruth Fellows that come from economically
17 disadvantaged backgrounds and have historically lacked equitable access
18 to education, employment and professional development opportunities.

19 4. Through the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget, the council intends to

20 appropriate moneys to expand the Ruth Woo emerging leaders fellowship
21 program.

22 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

23 SECTION 1. Ordinance 18572, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 3.12.184 are
24 each hereby amended to read as follows:

25 A. The Ruth Woo emerging leaders fellowship is hereby created. The fellowship
26 shall be a paid, full-time, term-limited temporary position and shall be awarded to a
27 person who has demonstrated a commitment to public service. Priority in selection will
28 be given to economically disadvantaged college graduates from backgrounds that have
29 historically lacked equitable access to education, employment, and professional
30 development opportunities. There shall be at least (~~one~~) five fellows at a time in county
31 employment, who shall serve for a term of one year.

32 B. The fellow shall be an employee of the department of human resources. The
33 fellow shall be assigned to work in various county agencies for periods of three to four
34 months at a time with the written approval of the presiding elected official or designee of
35 such agency. The assignments shall include periods with the council and with executive
36 branch agencies. While assigned to an agency the fellow shall be subject to the
37 administrative supervision of that agency.

38 C. The Ruth Woo fellow shall have the following responsibilities:

39 1. Assignments may include following a piece of legislation through the
40 legislative process, preparing briefings, correspondence or other documents,
41 communicating with constituents and other county departments, assisting in outreach and
42 executive branch policy administration;

- 43 2. The work in the branches and departments shall include:
- 44 a. working on projects related to each branch or department and seeing them to
- 45 completion;
- 46 b. experiencing by directly working on how policies are developed and
- 47 implemented and how they relate to the communities served by the county;
- 48 c. participating in internship orientations, workshops and policy exercises; and
- 49 d. maintaining professional, nonpartisan conduct.
- 50 D. Each agency shall reimburse the department of human resource for the cost of
- 51 the fellow for the period assigned to the agency.
- 52 E. Annually, a committee to review applicants for the fellowship shall be formed,
- 53 composed of members appointed by the executive and the chair of the council. The
- 54 committee shall recommend to the department of human resources criteria for the

55 election of applicants, shall screen, interview and score the applicants and shall
56 recommend to the department of human resources appointment of the fellow.
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Ordinance 18839 was introduced on 11/5/2018 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 11/13/2018, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles
and Ms. Balducci
No: 0
Excused: 0

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council



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APPROVED this 19 day of NOVEMBER, 2018.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None