



WHEREAS, King County is dependent on a strong fiscal partnership with the state in many areas, and

WHEREAS, King County has a limited number of revenue sources available to mitigate impacts of budget reductions at the state level, and

WHEREAS, the downturn of the economy has magnified structural revenue problems for counties, including the great volatility of the sales tax and the impact of a steep drop in assessed value on property tax, and

WHEREAS, King County's ability to deliver public health, human services, criminal justice, and other basic services is directly impacted by reductions in the state budget, and

WHEREAS, the national recession has resulted in dramatic budget shortfalls at all levels of government, with federal sequestration compounding cuts made by the state to the same services and programs, and

WHEREAS, King County is dedicated to exploring with the state new ideas for sustained funding for critical services such as transportation, criminal justice, health and human services and flood protection, and

WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive will continue to review legislative developments for possible revisions of King County's 2016 state legislative program;

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

The King County council adopts the King County 2016 State Legislative Agenda, Attachment A to this motion, and the King County 2016 Statement of State Policy, Attachment B to this motion, as King County's highest priorities for action in the 2016 legislative session of the Washington state Legislature.