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A MOTION adopting the King County Youth Bill of Rights and Report in accordance with Ordinance 17738, Section 4.A.2.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 17738 called for the development of a Youth Action Plan, including recommendations for a Bill of Rights for King County's youth, akin to the youth bills of rights adopted by jurisdictions in California and elsewhere around the country, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the young leaders subcommittee of the King County children and youth advisory board brought the need for a youth bill of rights to the forefront, and

WHEREAS, youth collaboration and leadership in decision-making was a cornerstone to the Youth Bill of Rights project, and

WHEREAS, a Youth Bill of Rights task force helped develop and disseminate a survey to identify the priority wants and needs of youth in King County, and

WHEREAS, more than two thousand two hundred youth aged seven to twenty-four participated in the survey, representing seventy-three King County ZIP Codes, all nine council districts, thirty-six of the thirty-nine King County municipalities, and all unincorporated King County service areas, and

WHEREAS, the Youth Bill of Rights attached to this motion reflect this outreach and participation of King County youth, and

WHEREAS, at all times, but especially during times of political change and financial upheaval, a bill of rights helps King County and the community stay focused on children and youth as a priority, and

WHEREAS the King County Youth Bill of Rights contains the following ten articles:

1. Basic Needs and Wellbeing;

2. Health;
- 3 Education and Learning;
4. Equity and Social Justice;
5. Safety and Security;
6. Community and Belonging;
7. Environment;
8. Transportation;
9. Youth Voice; and
10. Sports and Recreation;

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

The King County Youth Bill of Rights and Report, Attachment A to this motion,  
is hereby adopted as a formal guide when considering policies and budgetary decisions that impact children and youth.