



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

January 30, 2017

Motion 14800

Proposed No. 2017-0036.1

Sponsors Balducci, Dembowski, Gossett,
Kohl-Welles, McDermott and Upthegrove

1 A MOTION related to immigration, refugees and the
2 freedom to travel; condemning the related Executive Order
3 issued by the President on January 27, 2017.

4 WHEREAS according to the 2015 American Community Survey conducted by
5 the United States Census Bureau, King County is home to almost four hundred fifty
6 thousand foreign-born residents from every corner of the world, and

7 WHEREAS, in an effort to protect the constitutional rights of all persons King
8 County required in Ordinance 16692 adopted in 2009 that county services must be
9 provided without being conditioned on an individual's citizenship or immigration status,
10 and

11 WHEREAS, in 2015, King County established the immigrant and refugee task
12 force so the county can better serve its immigrant and refugee communities, including
13 many who have come to King County because they have been persecuted or feared they
14 would be persecuted on account of race, religion, nationality, or membership in a
15 particular social or political group, and

16 WHEREAS, the first amendment of the United States Constitution states that
17 "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the
18 free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of

19 the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of
20 grievances". and

21 WHEREAS, Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 states that no person can
22 be "discriminated against in the issuance of an immigrant visa because of the person's
23 race, sex, nationality, place of birth or place of residence," and

24 WHEREAS, at 4:42 p.m. EST, Friday, January 27, 2017, President Donald J.
25 Trump issued an executive order titled "Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist
26 Entry Into the United States," and

27 WHEREAS, hundreds of people were detained at airports across the United States
28 by federal agencies effectuating the executive order, and

29 WHEREAS, up to thirteen people were detained in King County at Sea-Tac
30 International Airport on January 28, 2017, by the United States Customs and Border
31 Protection services in the enforcement of the afore mentioned executive order, and

32 WHEREAS, on January 28, 2017, United States Federal District Judge Ann
33 Donnelly issued a decision and order concluding that there is a "strong likelihood of
34 success in establishing that the removal of the petitioner and others similarly situated
35 violates their rights to Due Process and Equal Protection guaranteed by the United States
36 Constitution", and enjoining President Trump and other federal officers from "removing
37 individuals with refugee applications approved by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration
38 Services as part of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, holders of valid immigrant and
39 non-immigrant visas, and other individuals from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia,
40 and Yemen legally authorized to enter the United States," and

41 WHEREAS, it is the duty of King County council to protect the constitutional
42 rights of every person in King County regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity,
43 sexual orientation, country of origin, religious faith or immigration status;

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

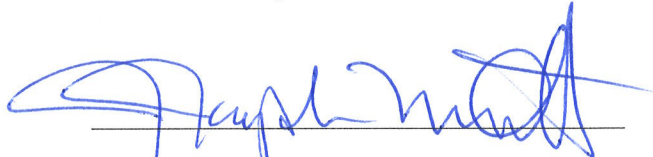
45 It is the policy of King County that the Executive Order issued by President
46 Donald J. Trump on 4:42 p.m. EST, Friday January 27, 2017, is hereby condemned as

47 discriminatory, unconstitutional and contrary to the county's adopted principles and
48 ordinances, as well as the Constitution and laws we as a council have sworn to support.
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Motion 14800 was introduced on 1/30/2017 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 1/30/2017, by the following vote:

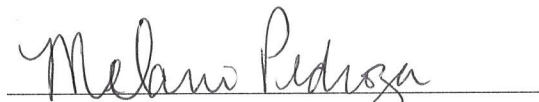
Yes: 6 - Mr. Gossett, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr.
Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles and Ms. Balducci
No: 3 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert and Mr. Dunn
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Acting Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None