



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**May 23, 2017**

**Motion 14866**

**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

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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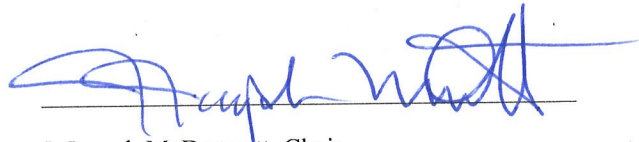
Motion 14866 was introduced on 4/17/2017 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 5/22/2017, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr.  
McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles and  
Ms. Balducci

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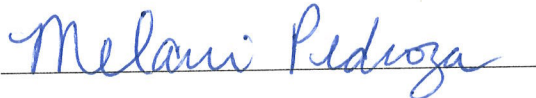
Excused: 1 - Mr. Dunn

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Acting Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None