



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

March 6, 2018

Motion 15087

Proposed No. 2018-0124.1

Sponsors Dunn, Balducci, von Reichbauer,
Upthegrove, Kohl-Welles, Lambert,
McDermott, Dembowski and Gossett

1 A MOTION supporting the city of Seattle's proposal to be a
2 host city for the 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football
3 Association World Cup.

4 WHEREAS, King County is one of the regions in the United States, Mexico and
5 Canada being considered by the United Bid Committee as a host city for the 2026
6 Fédération Internationale de Football Association ("FIFA") World Cup, and

7 WHEREAS, on January 16, 2018, the Seattle city council passed a resolution
8 declaring its support of the city's proposal to be a host city for the 2026 FIFA World Cup,
9 and

10 WHEREAS, more than 125,000 young people actively compete in soccer matches
11 around Washington state, and

12 WHEREAS, recreational soccer is one of the most popular sports in King County,
13 and the parks and recreation division of the King County department of natural resources
14 and parks partners with numerous soccer leagues to host and support both youth and adult
15 soccer programs and tournaments in the region, and

16 WHEREAS, King County's parks and recreation division has more than twenty
17 soccer fields in its athletic field inventory, which are used by amateur youth and adult
18 soccer teams from across King County, and

19 WHEREAS, the region has a soccer fan base that has attracted large, enthusiastic
20 crowds for professional matches since 1976, including when the Seattle Sounders broke
21 Major League Soccer attendance records and merchandise sales in their first season in
22 2009, and

23 WHEREAS, the FIFA World Cup will provide the city of Seattle and King
24 County with a unique opportunity to inspire new generations of soccer enthusiasts, while
25 promoting our shared commitment to recreation, sport, health, human rights, equity and
26 social justice and the environment, and

27 WHEREAS, the United States received an estimated four billion dollars in
28 economic benefits from hosting the 1994 FIFA World Cup, and

29 WHEREAS, soccer fans who travel to attend tournaments bring significant
30 additional revenue to local hotels, restaurants, shops and businesses, thereby providing
31 additional tax revenue for areas that host the FIFA World Cup, and

32 WHEREAS, King County is an open and welcoming region with an international
33 reputation for celebrating diversity and welcoming people from all nations and cultures,
34 and

35 WHEREAS, the King County executive and King County council share a
36 common goal of promoting the region's quality of life, diversity, and economic vitality,
37 which will be enhanced by hosting the 2026 FIFA World Cup, and

38 WHEREAS, the Seattle Host Committee will bring local leaders from
39 government, community development associations, hospitality industry, international
40 companies, global marketing campaigns, unions and professional sports franchises
41 together to ensure Seattle maximizes the cultural, social and economic benefits of being a

42 FIFA World Cup host city, while promoting FIFA's goals of corporate and social
43 responsibility and environmental awareness, and

44 WHEREAS, the city of Seattle and King County share a common goal of
45 ensuring that economic benefits and additional revenues generated by the 2026 FIFA
46 World Cup will further the areas goals of equity, social justice and improving the lives of
47 hospitality workers, construction workers and the community at large, through living
48 wage jobs, adequate benefits, apprenticeships, education, training, job protections,
49 affordable housing and antidisplacement programs, and

50 WHEREAS, FIFA will determine the final host country or countries for 2026 by
51 June 2018 and, along with the United Bid Committee, will determine final host cities five
52 years before the event;

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

54 A. King County supports regional efforts to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup in
55 Seattle and will work collaboratively with the city of Seattle and stakeholders to highlight
56 the area as an attractive host for an international soccer tournament.

57 B. King County will work collaboratively with the region to ensure that the

58 proposal to host the 2026 FIFA World Cup will result in an outstanding event that is
59 beneficial for the region, our residents and businesses.
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Motion 15087 was introduced on 2/12/2018 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 3/5/2018, 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

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council



Attachments: None