



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 16106

Proposed No. 2022-0153.2

Sponsors Balducci and Kohl-Welles

1 A MOTION declaring King County's support for the Cities
2 for Citizenship initiative and directing the executive to sign
3 the county onto the initiative as a participating community.

4 WHEREAS, there are approximately 290,000 lawful permanent residents in
5 Washington state and over 75,000 lawful permanent residents eligible to naturalize in
6 King County, and

7 WHEREAS, naturalization provides benefits to lawful permanent residents by
8 providing them with full civil and political rights, protection against deportation, easier
9 travel abroad, and full access to government jobs and assistance, and

10 WHEREAS, research from the Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration
11 found that immigrants who naturalize can see an estimated 8 percent to 11 percent
12 increase in their earnings and suggest the increased earnings not only boost financial
13 security for families but also generate spending and economic activity in the community,
14 and

15 WHEREAS, according to reports from the Migration Policy Institute and the Pew
16 Research Center, far fewer immigrants naturalize than are eligible to do so and barriers to
17 naturalization include low English language proficiency and the cost and complexity of
18 the naturalization process, and

19 WHEREAS, cities and counties are uniquely situated to encourage and support
20 their immigrant constituents to apply for citizenship, and

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21 WHEREAS, the Cities for Citizenship initiative is a national initiative aimed at
22 increasing citizenship among eligible permanent residents in the United States and
23 encouraging local jurisdictions across the country to invest in citizenship programs, and

24 WHEREAS, Cities for Citizenship is premised on the idea that when municipal
25 leaders develop and invest in naturalization efforts, they produce substantial economic
26 and civic benefits for all of their constituents, and

27 WHEREAS, the Cities for Citizenship initiative, coordinated by the National
28 Partnership for New Americans, is a network of over 100 cities and counties, including
29 the cities of Kirkland, Redmond, Seattle, Tacoma and Yakima as well as Kitsap County,
30 and

31 WHEREAS, participation in the Cities for Citizenship initiative is free and
32 participating communities receive access to technical support and policy advice, research
33 and demographic data, best practices from cities and counties across the country and
34 networking opportunities with other jurisdictions, and

35 WHEREAS, communities participating in the Cities for Citizenship initiative are
36 encouraged to share information on their naturalization efforts via an annual survey,
37 participate in monthly partner calls and attend the initiative's annual Municipal
38 Gathering, and

39 WHEREAS, King County has a history of supporting immigrants and refugees,
40 including establishing the King County immigrant and refugee commission, establishing
41 translation assistance requirements for limited English proficient individuals, enhancing
42 county services for immigrant and refugees, providing legal aid to residents seeking

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43 documented status and citizenship and providing direct financial assistance during the
44 COVID-19 pandemic, and

45 WHEREAS, in 2021 the King County council approved \$5 million to create a
46 first-in-the-nation program to help pay for filing fees and other costs for people applying
47 for legal status and an additional \$11.2 million for a grant fund to assist immigrants and
48 refugees who have otherwise not been eligible for federal coronavirus pandemic relief,
49 and

50 WHEREAS King County could benefit from joining the Cities for Citizenship
51 initiative to network with and learn from national experts and other local jurisdictions
52 engaged in similar work;

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

54 A. King County supports the Cities for Citizenship initiative. The executive is
55 directed to sign the county onto the initiative as a participating community.

56 B. The executive shall designate a county representative to serve as the liaison to
57 the Cities for Citizenship initiative.

58 C. King County will work collaboratively with the Cities for Citizenship

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- 59 initiative and local community-based organizations to increase citizenship among
60 immigrants in King County.

Motion 16106 was introduced on 4/5/2022 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/19/2022, by the following vote:

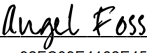
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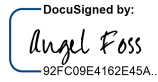
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