



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### Ordinance 19823

**Proposed No.** 2024-0273.1

**Sponsors** Upthegrove

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the citizens' elections  
 2 oversight committee; and amending Ordinance 15453,  
 3 Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C.2.53.021 and adding a  
 4 new section to K.C.C. chapter 2.16.

5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 2.16, a  
 7 new section to read as follows:

8 A. At least twenty-eight days before any election, the department of elections  
 9 shall request from the citizens' elections oversight committee a list of committee  
 10 members designated as observers.

11 B. At least a reasonable time before any election, the department of elections  
 12 shall notify the citizens' elections oversight committee of when ballot processing will  
 13 begin and shall request observers from the committee for the processing of ballots at the  
 14 counting center. The absence of observers from the committee will not prevent the  
 15 processing of ballots.

16 C. The department of elections shall notify the citizens' elections oversight  
 17 committee of opportunities to observe official logic and accuracy tests for each vote  
 18 tallying system to be used at elections.

19 D. The department of elections shall notify the citizens' elections oversight  
 20 committee of opportunities to observe recounts.

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21            SECTION 2. Ordinance 15453, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C.2.53.021 are  
22 hereby amended to read as follows:

23            A. Committee membership shall include:

24            1. One representative (~~((from))~~) sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in  
25 King County that evaluates candidates and ballot measures, such as the Municipal  
26 League;

27            2. One representative (~~((from))~~) sponsored by a nonpartisan organization active in  
28 King County that provides elections information to the public, such as the League of  
29 Women Voters;

30            3. One representative from the disability community;

31            4. One (~~((jurisdictional))~~) representative (~~((from))~~) sponsored by either a junior  
32 taxing district or a city with a population of under twenty thousand;

33            5. One representative of the Chinese-speaking community;

34            6. One representative of the Vietnamese-speaking community;

35            7. One representative of the Spanish-speaking community;

36            8. One representative from the Korean-speaking community;

37            9. One representative from each of any other language minority community for  
38 which the Director of the Bureau of the Census determines by publication in the Federal  
39 Register that King County is required to provide minority language assistance under  
40 Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act;

41            10. Two King County registered voters who are not representatives of any of the  
42 groups listed in subsection A.1. through 9. and 11. through 16. of this section;

43            11. One representative from the King County Democratic Party;

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- 44           12. One representative from the King County Republican Party;
- 45           13. One ex officio, nonvoting representative from the Office of the Secretary of  
46 State;
- 47           14. One representative (~~((from))~~) sponsored by an academic institution (~~((who))~~)  
48 and has knowledge of elections;
- 49           15. One representative who has experience in technology; and
- 50           16. One representative (~~((from))~~) sponsored by a nonpartisan organization in King  
51 County that promotes equality and the advancement of (~~((blacks))~~) Black or African  
52 Americans, such as the Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle.
- 53           B. The process for filling vacancies on the committee is:
- 54           1. The chair of the council shall notify councilmembers of vacancies on the  
55 committee and shall direct council staff to develop a job description and list of  
56 qualifications for committee members, as well as an application form;
- 57           2. (~~((The open))~~) Except those positions for the representative from the King  
58 County Democratic Party and the representative from the King County Republican Party,  
59 vacant positions shall be advertised at a minimum in the county's newspaper of record;
- 60           3. The chair of the council shall direct council staff to develop administrative  
61 procedures for accepting applications. All applications shall be forwarded to all county  
62 councilmembers. Applications shall also be forwarded to the citizens' elections oversight  
63 committee for review and the committee may provide feedback to the employment and  
64 administration committee;

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65           4. The employment and administration committee shall review applications, and  
66 may interview applicants. By majority vote, the employment and administration  
67 committee shall appoint members to the citizen oversight committee; and

68           5. Appointments shall be confirmed or rejected by the full council by motion.

69           C. When the Director of the Bureau of the Census determines by publication in  
70 the Federal Register that King County is no longer required to provide minority language  
71 assistance under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act to a language minority community,  
72 the term of the committee member representing that community expires and committee  
73 membership representing that community is no longer required.

74           D. Members should have, but not limited to:

75           1. A working knowledge of local or state government elections operations and  
76 management, demography, technology and organizational management;

77           2. A strong commitment to an accountable, transparent, well-managed and  
78 efficient elections operation in King County; and

79           3. A willingness to commit the time necessary to attend committee meetings and  
80 activities.

81           E. Committee members shall not hold elective public office or be a candidate for  
82 election to public office, other than as a precinct committee officer.

83           F. Except for the ex officio member, members shall serve three-year terms. The  
84 ex officio member serves at the pleasure of the member's office. Any other members that  
85 may be added as required by Ordinance 17273 and under Section 203 of the Voting  
86 Rights Act shall serve three-year terms that begin on the date of appointments to the  
87 committee and expire December 31, three years after the appointments.

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88 G. Except for the ex officio position, members are required to reside in King  
89 County. However, members, who during their tenures on the committee temporarily live  
90 outside the United States but maintain King County as their residences, may continue to  
91 serve on the committee during their temporary absences from the county.

92 H. The representative from the King County Democratic Party and the  
93 representative from the King County Republican Party are not eligible to serve as the  
94 chair of the committee.

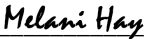
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Yes: 9 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Attachments: None

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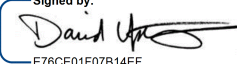
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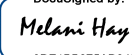
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