



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

### Motion 16062

**Proposed No.** 2021-0467.2

**Sponsors** Dembowski, Zahilay and Kohl-Welles

1           A MOTION requesting the executive establish an equitable  
2           development initiative and prepare an implementation plan.

3           WHEREAS, King County is committed to creating a racially and socially just  
4 county for all residents, and

5           WHEREAS, historic structural racism and disenfranchisement have suppressed  
6 access for marginalized populations, including communities of color, to economic, health  
7 and environmental opportunities to reach their full potential and thrive, and

8           WHEREAS, laws and policies at every level of government, such as alien land  
9 laws passed in Washington state between 1886 and 1923 and racially restrictive  
10 covenants, were racially discriminatory and prevented Black, indigenous and people of  
11 color ("BIPOC") populations from attaining homeownership and achieving generational  
12 wealth, and

13           WHEREAS, there are persistent inequities by race, ethnicity and place for many  
14 communities that hinder access to early childhood development, quality education, parks  
15 and open space, community spaces, culturally relevant businesses, affordable housing,  
16 healthcare and human services, and

17           WHEREAS, the double-digit increase in housing prices in King County year-  
18 over-year and the loss of 112,000 units of housing affordable to those making 80 percent

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19 area median income or less since 2012 has led to increasing unaffordability and  
20 ultimately displacement of low-income families and communities of color, and

21 WHEREAS, equitable development refers to public and private investments,  
22 programs and policies in geographic areas that take into account past history and current  
23 conditions to meet the needs of marginalized populations and to reduce disparities so that  
24 quality of life outcomes are equitably distributed for both existing residents and new  
25 residents to create strong communities, and

26 WHEREAS, inequities in community investment perpetuate disparate outcomes  
27 and displacement for historically marginalized populations including BIPOC, immigrants  
28 and refugees, LGBTQ and persons with disabilities, and

29 WHEREAS, the council seeks to directly address negative impacts caused by  
30 historical structural racism, disenfranchisement and inequities in community investment,  
31 and

32 WHEREAS, the council unanimously adopted Ordinance 16948, which is also  
33 referred to as the Equity and Social Justice Ordinance, in 2010, reaffirming a shared  
34 vision in which all King County residents have equitable opportunity to thrive, defining  
35 equity for the county and identifying determinants of equity and priorities for government  
36 in advancing equity, and

37 WHEREAS, the 2016-2022 King County Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan  
38 establishes a blueprint for action and change aimed at expanding access to opportunities  
39 in eight areas, including: child and youth development; economic development and jobs;  
40 environment and climate; health and human services; housing; information and  
41 technology; the justice system; and transportation and mobility, and

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42 WHEREAS, dedicated place-based funding to advance these eight opportunity  
43 areas, along with community partnerships, is critical to advance and implement racial and  
44 social equity in King County, and

45 WHEREAS, an equitable development initiative provides investment, programs  
46 and policies that take into account past policy decisions, historic inequities and current  
47 conditions that will improve access to opportunities to the most affected communities and  
48 allocate resources to communities at risk from displacement, and

49 WHEREAS, an equitable development initiative includes investment and resource  
50 allocation to identified communities to advance economic mobility and opportunity,  
51 prevent residential, economic and cultural displacement, build upon local cultural assets,  
52 promote transportation mobility and connectivity, create healthy and safe communities,  
53 and enable equitable access for all communities;

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

55 A.1. The council requests that the executive establish an equitable development  
56 initiative.

57 2. Planning and creation of the initiative shall be completed in partnership with a  
58 planning workgroup comprised of community membership emphasizing Black,  
59 indigenous and people of color leadership and broad geographic representation, who are  
60 appointed by the executive in consultation with the council using an open application  
61 process. Consideration should be given to individuals with lived experience or expertise  
62 relevant to the initiative. Appointees shall be compensated for their participation.

63 3. The initiative shall be countywide in scope. The planning workgroup is  
64 requested to make recommendations to the executive and council regarding how to

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65 prioritize the initiative's work in unincorporated area communities, particularly  
66 historically marginalized communities, consistent with King County's responsibility as  
67 the unincorporated local government.

68 4. The initiative should be guided by a framework with the following principles:

- 69 a. advances economic mobility and opportunity for residents;
- 70 b. prevents residential, commercial and cultural displacement;
- 71 c. builds upon and protects local cultural assets that anchor communities;
- 72 d. supports organizational capacity building;
- 73 e. promotes transportation mobility and connectivity; and
- 74 f. enables equitable access for all communities.

75 B. Any new focus or framework principles adopted by this motion shall not apply  
76 to the Best Starts Capital Grants Program. The workgroup and executive are requested to  
77 recommend how the initiative, if adopted and implemented, would inform and  
78 collaborate with the Best Starts Capital Grant Program, consistent with the previously  
79 adopted grant criteria in the Best Starts for Kids implementation plan.

80 C. The council requests that the executive transmit phase 1 of an equitable  
81 development initiative implementation plan created with the planning workgroup  
82 identified in section A. of this motion. Phase 1 of the plan should include, but is not  
83 limited to, the following:

- 84 1. A framework that is consistent with equitable community-driven  
85 development principles identified in section A. of this motion;

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86           2. Recommendations and next steps for county and community structure,  
87 capacity and related resources necessary to support an equitable development initiative,  
88 informed by similar programs.

89           D. The council further requests that the executive transmit phase 2 of the  
90 equitable development initiative implementation plan created in partnership with the  
91 planning workgroup identified in section A. of this motion. Phase 2 of the plan should:

92           1. Include objectives and strategies for reducing economic and racial disparities,  
93 by preventing residential, economic and cultural displacement and creating and  
94 preserving community stability;

95           2. Incorporate data of current and predicted future displacement risk and related  
96 metrics that should be used to determine programs and policies;

97           3. Include metrics for monitoring and evaluating equitable outcomes;

98           4. Describe potential partnerships with community-based organizations,  
99 regional partners and other jurisdictions to establish the initiative program funding and  
100 policies countywide;

101           5. Identify potential funding options for the initiative;

102           6. Propose strategies to coordinate across county agencies and programs to  
103 advance initiative objectives;

104           7. Identify a process for community outreach and collaboration with  
105 community-based organizations and other jurisdictions, with a particular focus on  
106 communities experiencing or at risk of displacement;

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107           8. Describe how the process will use the "community directs action" level of  
108 engagement as outlined in the office of equity and social justice's community engagement  
109 guide;

110           9. Propose next steps, including a timeline, that would be needed to implement  
111 the initiative, including legislation; and

112           10. Include a recommendation the duties and responsibilities of a permanent  
113 advisory board to implement the initiative. The permanent advisory board should be  
114 comprised of four representatives selected by the executive and one representative  
115 selected by each councilmember, and appointments should emphasize Black, indigenous  
116 and people of color and those most impacted by displacement pressures. The board shall  
117 be compensated for their participation.

118           E. The executive should electronically file phase 1 of the plan, no later than  
119 August 31, 2022, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and  
120 provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff and the lead  
121 staff for the mobility and environment committee, or its successor.

122           F. The executive should electronically file phase 2 of the plan, as well as any  
123 necessary legislation to establish the equitable development initiative, no later than June  
124 30, 2023, with the clerk of the council, who shall retain an electronic copy and provide an  
125 electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff and the lead staff for the

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- 126 mobility and environment committee, or its successor. The plan should be accompanied  
127 by a proposed motion that should accept the plan.

Motion 16062 was introduced on 12/14/2021 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/15/2022, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Dembowski, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott,  
Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay  
No: 1 - Dunn

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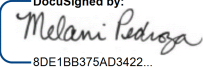
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