



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**Motion 16209**

**Proposed No.** 2022-0346.1

**Sponsors** Perry

1           A MOTION requesting the executive to provide a county  
2           response to support the people affected by severe flooding  
3           in Pakistan since June 2022.

4           WHEREAS, since June 2022, the country of Pakistan has been devastated by  
5           severe flooding caused by unprecedented monsoon rains and melting glaciers from a  
6           severe heat wave, causing the largest natural disaster the world has seen in over 10 years,  
7           and

8           WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization as of September 1,  
9           2022, the flood has killed at least 1,302 individuals, including 416 children, and injured at  
10          least 3,554 individuals and the death toll continues to grow daily, and

11          WHEREAS, according to the Pakistan Federal Minister of Climate Change  
12          Sherry Rehman, the flood has displaced over 33 million individuals and to date has  
13          caused more than \$10 billion worth of damage, and

14          WHEREAS, according to Minister Rehman, one-third of Pakistan or 100  
15          thousand square miles has been completely submerged by this historic flooding event; for  
16          perspective, the state of Washington is 70 thousand square miles in size, and

17          WHEREAS, according to Minister Rehman, Pakistan has seen the highest rainfall  
18          in over thirty years with rain being 780 percent above average, and

19          WHEREAS, according to the United States Geological Survey Professional Paper  
20          on glaciers of Pakistan, due to Pakistan's high mountain terrain, the country has the

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21 largest and longest glaciers on earth along the mid-latitudes and climate change has  
22 impacted glacial erosion in Pakistan, and

23 WHEREAS, according to the United Nations and Minister Rehman, Pakistan  
24 produces just 0.4 percent of global CO2 emissions, yet it is one of the countries that is  
25 most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change due to its glaciers and monsoons. For  
26 comparison, the United States produces 21.5 percent, China produces 16.5 percent and  
27 the European Union produces 15 percent of global CO2 emissions, and

28 WHEREAS, on August 30, 2022, the United States Agency for International  
29 Development ("USAID") has provided over \$30 million in humanitarian assistance to  
30 support Pakistan to prioritize urgently needed support for food, nutrition, multi-purpose  
31 cash, safe water, sanitation, hygiene and shelter assistance, and

32 WHEREAS, on September 2, 2022, USAID has also deployed a disaster  
33 assistance response team to Pakistan, and

34 WHEREAS, the Pakistan Association of Greater Seattle based out of Seattle, WA  
35 is leading the support efforts locally by holding a two-week telethon that has raised over  
36 \$1.75 million to date, and

37 WHEREAS, the Pakistan Association of Greater Seattle has set up a donation  
38 platform for immediate relief aid to organizations on the ground in Pakistan which are  
39 directly supporting families in need in this incredible crisis, and

40 WHEREAS, the council has a history of requesting the executive to provide a  
41 county response to support the people of other countries that are impacted by disasters  
42 such as Motion 16108, passed in April 2022, to respond to the crisis in Ukraine and

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43 Motion 15518, passed in September 2019, to provide relief for the people of the Bahamas  
44 who were impacted by Hurricane Dorian;

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

46 The executive is requested to provide a county response to support the people  
47 affected by severe flooding in Pakistan. The response should include, but not be limited  
48 to, the following:

49 A. Consulting with, collaborating with and providing support to local nonprofit  
50 organizations that have established ties to the people of Pakistan and that are already  
51 providing support to the relief efforts, such as the Pakistan Association of Greater Seattle;

52 B. Leveraging the employee giving program established under K.C.C. 3.36.030,  
53 leave for volunteer service policy established under K.C.C. 3.12.225 and donation of  
54 vacation or compensatory hours to nonprofit organizations policy established under  
55 K.C.C. 3.12.222, to provide opportunities for county employees to support the relief  
56 efforts. The executive should develop ways to streamline the use of these programs to  
57 ensure support is delivered quickly and efficiently with minimal administrative burden;

58 C. Donating any county surplus resources such as medical supplies, hygiene  
59 products and emergency supply kits;

60 D. Offering technical expertise from county personnel, particularly from  
61 employees in the office of emergency management and the department of natural  
62 resources and parks;

63 E. Consulting with the King County immigrant and refugee commission to obtain  
64 more ideas on supporting the relief efforts; and

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65 F. Collaborating with federal, state and local governments that have committed to  
66 providing support to the people of Pakistan to ensure support is delivered quickly and  
67 efficiently with minimal administrative burden.

Motion 16209 was introduced on 9/13/2022 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/13/2022, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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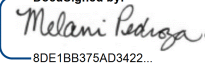
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