



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 16675

Proposed No. 2024-0331.2

Sponsors Barón

1 A MOTION expressing the King County council's
 2 opposition to the approval of Washington state Initiative
 3 2066, which, if approved by voters, would repeal or
 4 prohibit certain laws and regulations that discourage natural
 5 gas use, or promote electrification, or both, and require
 6 certain utilities and local governments to provide natural
 7 gas to eligible customers.

8 WHEREAS, Washington state Initiative 2066 concerning regulating energy
 9 services, including natural gas and electrification, which, if approved by the voters,
 10 would repeal or prohibit certain laws and regulations that discourage natural gas use, or
 11 promote electrification, or both, and require certain utilities and local governments to
 12 provide natural gas to eligible customers, will be before Washington state voters in the
 13 general election on November 5, 2024, and

14 WHEREAS, according to the King County 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan,
 15 building and facility energy use is the region's second largest source of greenhouse gas
 16 emissions, representing nearly half of King County's carbon emissions, and

17 WHEREAS, Chapter 423, Laws of Washington 2009 supported reduced
 18 emissions, stipulating that the Washington state Energy Code shall be designed to
 19 "construct increasingly energy efficient homes and buildings by the year 2031,"
 20 compared to the 2006 baseline, and

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21 WHEREAS, the King County 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan set goals for
22 the phase-out of fossil fuels for heating and water heating in both King County's
23 operations and at the countywide scale, including operational targets of reducing fossil
24 fuel use in existing buildings by at least twenty percent by 2030, fifty percent by 2040,
25 and eighty percent by 2050, compared to a 2017 baseline, and

26 WHEREAS, local jurisdictions across the state currently have the ability to debate
27 and implement policies regulating building codes, climate resilience, and environmental
28 protection that best serve their local communities, as long as it is in compliance with state
29 and federal law, and

30 WHEREAS, Initiative 2066, Section 10, limits that power and reads as follows:
31 "A county shall not in any way prohibit, penalize, or discourage the use of gas for any
32 form of heating, or for uses related to any appliance or equipment, in any building," and

33 WHEREAS, Initiative 2066 would interfere with King County's ability to meet
34 long-standing goals to decrease building emissions in a timely manner, and would
35 jeopardize the county's ability to meet its own greenhouse gas reduction goals, and

36 WHEREAS, RCW 42.17A.555(1) authorizes the King County council to take
37 action to express a collective decision, or to actually vote upon a motion, proposal,
38 resolution, order, or ordinance, or to support or oppose a ballot measure so long as (a)
39 any required notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition,
40 and (b) members of the legislative body, members of the board, council, or commission
41 of the special purpose district, or members of the public are afforded an approximately
42 equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view, and

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43 WHEREAS, consistent with RCW 42.17A.555, the King County council
44 considered Initiative 2066 at its October 15, 2024, regular meeting, and provided
45 members of the public and council an approximately equal opportunity to express support
46 or opposition to Initiative 2066;

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

48 The King County council expresses its opposition to Initiative 2066 and

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- 49 encourages the voters of King County to reject Initiative 2066, at the November 5, 2024,
50 general election.

Motion 16675 was introduced on 10/8/2024 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/15/2024, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Perry,
Upthegrove and Zahilay
No: 1 - Dunn
Excused: 1 - von Reichbauer

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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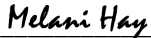


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Dave Upthegrove, Chair

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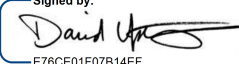
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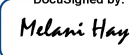
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