

KING COUNTY

Signature Report

Motion 16829

Proposed No. 2025-0162.2 **Sponsors** Balducci 1 A MOTION expressing no confidence in the ability of John 2 Arthur Wilson to continue to carry out the duties of King 3 County assessor and calling for John Arthur Wilson's 4 immediate resignation. 5 WHEREAS, the office of King County assessor is to accurately and 6 systematically determine the value of each property in King County so that the public can 7 trust the property taxes collected from property owners in King County shall be equitable 8 across classes of property, and 9 WHEREAS, John Arthur Wilson was elected to the office of King County 10 assessor on November 3, 2015, and was last reelected to the office of King County 11 assessor on November 7, 2023, and 12 WHEREAS, it has recently come to the attention of the council through news 13 media outlet reports that for over a year Mr. Wilson has been embroiled in a domestic 14 dispute, during the course of which Mr. Wilson is accused of stalking and harassing a 15 King County resident, and 16 WHEREAS, On May 9, 2024, the King County superior court issued a temporary 17 protection order preventing Mr. Wilson from contacting that same King County resident 18 due to disturbing allegations of repeated stalking and harassment, and 19 WHEREAS, On May 13, 2025, the King County superior court issued an 20 immediate restraining order preventing Mr. Wilson from contacting the same King

| 21 | County resident based on renewed allegations of a continued pattern of stalking and |
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| 22 | harassment, and |
| 23 | WHEREAS, it is also alleged that Mr. Wilson improperly used county resources |
| 24 | to engage in the stalking, and |
| 25 | WHEREAS, court records and public reporting reflect a continuing pattern of |
| 26 | inappropriate behavior and a failure by Mr. Wilson acknowledge any wrongdoing, |
| 27 | leaving open a real concern that this type of behavior will persist, and |
| 28 | WHEREAS, it is crucial that elected officials in King County conduct their |
| 29 | professional and personal affairs in ways that maintain the public's trust and faith in the |
| 30 | officials' integrity and abilities, and |
| 31 | WHEREAS, employees in the King County assessor's office deserve a leader who |
| 32 | possesses sound judgment and the highest integrity to the guide the important work in the |
| 33 | King County assessor's office, and |
| 34 | WHEREAS, the behavior and actions alleged in the court filings on which the |
| 35 | court orders were based are repugnant and inconsistent with the level of personal |
| 36 | decorum and professionalism expected of an elected official, and |
| 37 | WHEREAS, the council finds that allegations on which the court orders against |
| 38 | Mr. Wilson are based are extremely serious and have caused irrevocable harm to the |
| 39 | public's trust and faith in John Arthur Wilson's ability to perform the duties of King |
| 40 | County assessor, and |
| 41 | WHEREAS the council has lost confidence in Mr. Wilson's judgement, aptitude, |
| 42 | and ability to perform the duties of King County assessor; |
| 43 | NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County: |

- The King County council has lost confidence in John Arthur Wilson to carry out
- 45 the duties of King County assessor and therefore calls for John Arthur Wilson's
- 46 immediate resignation.

Motion 16829 was introduced on 6/3/2025 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/10/2025, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Perry, Quinn, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

Excused: 1 - Dunn

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

—signed by: Girmay Zaluilay

Girmay Zahilay, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Hay

Melani Hay, Clerk of the Council

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