

KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

December 12, 2017

Ordinance 18639

	Proposed No. 2017-0474.2 Sponsors Dembowski
1	AN ORDINANCE approving and adopting the
2	memorandum of agreement regarding a compensation
3	agreement negotiated by and between King County and
4	Washington State Council of County and City Employees,
5	Council 2, Local 2084-SC (Superior Court - Family Court
6	Operations; Court Appointed Special Advocates Specialists
7	and Attorneys (CASA)) representing employees in the
8	King County superior court; establishing the effective date
9	of said agreement; and declaring an emergency.
10	BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:
l1	SECTION 1. Findings:
12	A. King County has reached agreement regarding compensation with the
13	Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Council 2, Local 2084-SC
14	(Superior Court - Family Court Operations; Court Appointed Special Advocates
15	Specialists and Attorneys (CASA)) representing employees in the King County superior
16	court, effective January 1, 2017.
17	B. It is necessary to approve and adopt this agreement so that it can be
18	implemented before the end of the calendar year to avoid tax and benefit implications for
19	members of the bargaining unit.

20	SECTION 2. The memorandum of agreement regarding a compensation
21	agreement negotiated by and between King County and Washington State Council of
22	County and City Employees, Council 2, Local 2084-SC (Superior Court - Family Court
23	Operations; Court Appointed Special Advocates Specialists and Attorneys (CASA))
24	representing employees in the King County superior court, which is Attachment A to this
25	ordinance, is hereby approved and adopted by this reference made a part hereof.
26	SECTION 3. Terms and conditions of said agreement shall be effective January
27	1, 2017.
28	SECTION 4. The county council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency
29	exists and that this ordinance is necessary to be implemented prior to the end of the
30	calendar year to avoid potentially serious negative tax and benefit implications for

- 31 members of the bargaining unit that would be avoided with the timely adoption of this
- 32 ordinance.

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Ordinance 18639 was introduced on 12/11/2017 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/11/2017, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles and Ms. Balducci

No: 0

Excused: 2 - Mr. Gossett and Ms. Lambert

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

Attachments: A. Memorandum of Agreement

ATTACHMENT A

Memorandum of Agreement By and Between King County And

Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Council 2, Local 2084-SC Superior Court - Family Court Operations Court Appointed Special Advocates Specialists and Attorneys (CASA)

Subject: Compensation Agreement

Introduction:

- A. In 2007, the King County Superior Court (the Court) conducted a compensation and classification study of the non-represented classifications in the Court. At the time of the survey, the classifications in the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) work unit in the Court's Family Court Operations Division were included. The Court did not implement the results of the study.
- **B.** On December 22, 2011, the Public Employment Relations Commission certified the Washington State Council of County and City Employees (the Union) as the exclusive representative of the CASA Specialists and CASA Attorneys. The newly certified bargaining unit was titled Local 2084-SC CASA. Subsequent to the certification of the bargaining unit, the Court reclassified some existing positions in the bargaining unit, and added the newly developed classifications of Staff Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) Specialist and CASA Attorney/Attorney Guardian Ad Litem (A/A-GAL) to the bargaining unit.
- C. In 2015, the Court updated the 2007 classification and compensation study for non-represented classifications; it subsequently implemented the results of that update in 2016. The CASA unit was excluded from the study and its implementation, as were all other represented units.
- **D.** In 2016, the Union demanded to bargain the salary ranges for the classifications in the CASA unit, arguing internal alignment and equity. The Court's non-represented social worker and attorney classifications in the Family Court Operations Division received wage range increases in 2016.

Agreements:

1. Effective January 1, 2017, the salary ranges for the classifications of CASA Specialist, GAL Specialist, CASA Attorney, and CASA Attorneys, A/A-GAL will be increased by three ranges. The Specialist classifications will be increased from range 50 to range 53, and the Attorney classifications will be increased from range 58 to range 61. The salary ranges are on the King County Standardized Annual Salary Schedule.

- 2. The step placement on the salary table for CASA-represented specialists and attorneys will be processed in the same manner as the non-represented employees were processed, as if the salary range increases were made on January 1, 2016, and including the application of merit scores. Attached hereto is a document that reflects the initial step placement and merit-based step increase for each position in the bargaining unit (Attachment A).
- 3. All current and former bargaining unit members who were employed on January 1, 2017, who have since either retired or moved to different positions in the County but no longer remain in the bargaining unit, shall receive lump sum retroactive pay for the time during which they were employed in their bargaining unit positions in 2017, prior to their new salaries being incorporated into their regular paychecks. The time frame for payment of the lump sum is set forth below in Section 8.
- 4. Each employee in the bargaining unit who is employed on the date the unit ratifies this agreement will be granted two days (14 hours) of vacation leave, pro-rated for part-time employees based on their respective regularly scheduled workweeks, with such time to be cashed out on the date the retroactive wages are paid out, pursuant to Section 8 below. The rate of pay for the paid leave will be based on the salary in effect following application of Sections 1 and 2 above.
- 5. Effective January 1, 2017, the Court agrees to pay the annual Bar Dues for employees in all Attorney positions.
- 6. The County agrees to reopen this agreement if the salary ranges for the non-represented classifications referenced in D above are increased during the term of this Agreement.
- 7. The terms of this agreement will be added to the successor of the current collective bargaining agreement, which current agreement expires on December 31, 2017.
- 8. The salary range increases and step placements will be implemented as soon as practicable after the Ordinance for this Memorandum of Agreement becomes law.

APPROVED this	Isr	day of	NOVEMBER	, 2017.	
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	By:	Ruici	AT D. RIVELY	FoR	
		King Coun	ty Executive		

For WSCCCE, Local 2084-SC:

Suzette Dickerson Staff Representative

ATTACHMENT A

Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Council 2, Local 2084-SC (Superior Court - Family Court Operations; Court Appointed Special Advocates Specialists and Attorneys (CASA))

2016 EMPLOYEE	2016 JOB TITLES		2015	2015 Step	2016 RANGE	2016 STEP	2016 STEP Post Merit	2016 HOURLY RATE	2016 Annual	2017 RANGE	Step as of 1/1/17	Merit Increase Step 2017	Rate as of 1/1/17	2017 Annual
BALLARD, RASHIDA	CASA SPECIALIST	1.00	50	1	53	1	1		\$ 63,026.74	53	2	4		\$ 69,794.63
BARNHOUSE, KATHRYN	CASA ATTORNEY	1.00	58	10+ MOT	61	8	10	52.5222		61	10			\$100,184.81
BERRIS, ELIZABETH	PROGRAM ATTONREY - GAL	1.00	58	8	61	5	8	50.1322		61	.8	10		\$ 97,741.28
DUKE, PAULINE	STAFF GUARDIAN GAL SPECIALIST	1.00	50	3	53	1	2	35.7404		53	2	5		\$ 71,499.61
FRIMPTER, CAROLYN J.	STAFF GUARDIAN GAL SPECIALIST	1.00	50	10	53	7	8	41.3055	\$ 75,176.01	53	8	9		\$ 78,749.03
GALVAN, LUIS	CASA SPECIALIST	1.00	50	7	53	4	6	39.3591		53	6	7		\$ 75,034.05
HORTON, JANET	CASA SPECIALIST	1.00	50	10	53	7	8	41.3055	\$ 75,176.01	53	8	9		\$ 78,749.03
IRWIN, LORI L	CASA ATTORNEY	1.00	58	10	61	7	8	50.1322	\$ 91,240.60	61	8	9		\$ 95,566.56
LARSON, PEGGY M	CASA SPECIALIST	1.00	50	10	53	7	8		\$ 75,176.01	53	8	9		\$ 78,749.03
MARTIN, ALICE KATHLEEN	CASA ATTORNEY	1.00	58	10	61	7	9	51.3537	\$ 93,463.73	61	9	10		\$ 97,741.28
RIVERA, APRIL	CASA ATTORNEY	1.00	58	10+ MOT	61	8	10	52.5222	\$ 95,590.40	61	10	10 + MOT		\$100,184.81
TAKEUCHI, RIE	CASA SPECIALIST	1.00	50	n/a	.53	7	8	41.3055	\$ 75,176.01	53	8	10		\$ 80,676.78
UGAS, REYANA	CASA SPECIALIST	1.00	50	3	53	+1.	1	34.0813	\$ 62,027.97	53	<u>- 1</u>	3	38.3487	\$ 69,794.63
WATSON, DEANNA K	CASA SPECIALIST	1.00	50	10+ MOT	53	8	10	43.3524	\$ 78,901.37	53	10	10 + MOT	45.4361	\$ 82,693.70
CARTER/FREIMUTH, ANDREA	CASA ATTORNEY - SC	1.00								61	1	1	42.2594	\$ 76,912.11
SARAHS, TRICIA	STAFF GUARDIAN GAL SPECIALIST	1.00					8			53	1	1	34.8481	\$ 63,423.54