



**KING COUNTY**  
**Signature Report**

ATTACHMENT 2  
1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Ordinance**

**Proposed No. 2021-0364.1**

**Sponsors**

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the King County children  
2 and youth advisory board; and amending Ordinance 18217,  
3 Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2A.300.510.

4 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 5 1. In April 2015, the metropolitan King County council approved Motion  
6 14378, adopting the Youth Action Plan. The Youth Action Plan  
7 recommended that King County create an advisory board to support the  
8 county's system wide accountability for serving children and families and  
9 youth and young adults. The task force recommended this be "an  
10 inclusive body comprised of a wide array of citizens, stakeholders, and  
11 entities that can draw upon experience, knowledge and information to  
12 assist King County policymakers as they consider outcomes, policies, and  
13 investments for children and families and youth and young adults."  
14 2. In July 2015, Ordinance 18088 submitted to the voters of King County  
15 a proposition known as "best starts for kids levy," authorizing a regular  
16 property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation for six consecutive years,  
17 commencing in 2016, for the purpose of funding prevention and early  
18 intervention strategies to improve the health and well-being of children,  
19 youth and their communities. The youth action plan task force members  
20 helped shape the first best starts for kids levy proposition.

21           3. Ordinance 18088 also directed the executive to transmit to the council a  
22           plan relating to an oversight and advisory board for the portion of the best  
23           starts for kids levy proceeds related to children and youth strategies and a  
24           proposed ordinance identifying the duties and composition of the  
25           oversight and advisory board. Ordinance 18088 required that the  
26           oversight and advisory plan be consistent with the recommendations in the  
27           county's youth action plan.

28           4. In January 2016, the county enacted Ordinance 18217 establishing the  
29           King County children and youth advisory board; and adding a new chapter  
30           to K.C.C. Title 2A.

31           5. In July 2020, council adopted Motion 15673 accepting the Puget Sound  
32           Taxpayer Accountability Account ("PSTAA") implementation plan.  
33           PSTAA directs transit-related revenue to educational services to improve  
34           outcomes in early learning, K-12, and post-secondary education. The  
35           PSTAA implementation plan designated the children and youth advisory  
36           board to establish and maintain the PSTAA advisory committee.

37           6. In April 2021, Ordinance 19267 submitted to the voters of King  
38           County a proposition to renew the best starts for kids levy, providing for  
39           resident oversight and authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy  
40           limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a six-year consecutive  
41           period, commencing in 2022, at a rate of not more than \$0.19 per one  
42           thousand dollars of assessed valuation in the first year, and limiting annual  
43           levy increases to three percent in the five succeeding years, all for the

44 purpose of funding prevention and early intervention strategies and a  
45 capital grants program to improve the health and well-being of children,  
46 youth and their communities.

47 7. In July 2021 as directed by Ordinance 19267, the Executive developed  
48 and transmitted the Best Starts for Kids implementation plan for 2022-  
49 2027 in consultation with the King County children and youth advisory  
50 board.

51 8. Ordinance 19267 also directs the executive, by October 1, 2021, to  
52 transmit to the council for consideration and adoption by ordinance a best  
53 starts for kids governance update report that describes and explains  
54 necessary and recommended changes to sections of the King County Code  
55 and applicable ordinances that describe the composition and duties of the  
56 King County children and youth advisory board.

57 9. Research shows inclusion of lived experience perspectives on boards  
58 increases the efficacy of policy development, strategic planning,  
59 implementation of programs, evaluation and the development of  
60 innovative approaches that reach communities and effectively meet their  
61 needs.

62 10. Stipends serve to provide incentive for youth participation on boards,  
63 while recognizing their expertise, and helping with living expenses as they  
64 engage in board activities.

65 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:**

66            SECTION 1. Ordinance 18217, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2A.300.510  
67 are hereby amended to read as follows:

68            A. For the purposes of this section:

69            1. "Best ~~((s))~~Starts for ~~((k))~~Kids children and youth strategies" means those  
70 strategies that are eligible expenditures as defined in Ordinance ~~((18088))~~ 19267,  
71 ~~((Section 5.C.1., 2. and 4.))~~ Section 4.C.1. and 2., Section 4.D. and Section 4.E.;

72            2. "Collective impact" means a process for achieving meaningful and  
73 sustainable progress on complex social issues that involves convening stakeholders  
74 across sectors and communities, who share a common vision and a shared agenda for  
75 assuring accountability and measuring results; and

76            3. "Youth Action Plan" means the Youth Action Plan approved under Motion  
77 14378.

78            B. As recommended in the Youth Action Plan and as required by Ordinances  
79 18088 and 19267, the King County children and youth advisory board is created to act in  
80 an advisory capacity to the executive and council to:

81            1. Assist King County policy makers as they consider outcomes, policies and  
82 investments for children and families and youth and young adults; and

83            2. Serve as the ~~((b))~~Best ~~((s))~~Starts for ~~((k))~~Kids children and youth strategies  
84 oversight and advisory body, including making recommendations on and monitoring the  
85 distributions of levy proceeds described in Ordinance ~~((18088))~~ 19267, ~~((Section 5.C.1.,~~  
86 2. and 4.)) Section 4.C.1. and 2., Section 4.D. and Section 4.E.

87 C. The goal of the board is to improve the health and well-being of children and  
88 youth by utilizing a collective impact model to implement strategies that focus on  
89 prevention and early intervention.

90 D.1. The board shall make recommendations to the executive and county council  
91 regarding children and youth services, consistent with the recommendations in the Youth  
92 Action Plan.

93 2. The board shall receive and review King County outcomes and data,  
94 recommending improvements and modifications to achieve outcomes and support strong  
95 data collection and indicator protocols.

96 3. The board shall assist the executive and the council with the comprehensive  
97 review and analysis of King County government's programs, services and outcomes for  
98 children, families, youth and young adults for alignment with other initiatives and  
99 coalitions that have outcomes identified for children, families, youth and young adults.

100 4. The board shall recommend policy, budget, and other findings to the  
101 executive and the council, ensuring alignment with other initiatives and coalitions that  
102 have outcomes identified for children, families, youth and young adults.

103 5. The board shall participate with, track and report on efforts of partnerships,  
104 coalitions and networks throughout the region to inform the development of an aligned,  
105 region wide response that leads to improved outcomes.

106 6. The board shall be a forum for discussion and exchange of ideas in response  
107 to emergent needs, promising practices, and continuous improvement.

108 E. The board shall ~~((work in collaboration with the executive to develop an~~  
109 ~~implementation plan for))~~ provide oversight for the ((b))Best ((s))Starts for ((k))Kids

110 children and youth strategies (~~((to be transmitted to the council by June 1, 2016))~~) outlined  
111 in the Best Starts for Kids implementation plan. The board shall:

112 1. (~~Make recommendations for the plan consistent with Ordinance 18088;~~

113 2. ~~Make recommendations for the plan so it is consistent with other adopted~~  
114 ~~county plans and policies such as the King County Strategic Plan, the Youth Action Plan~~  
115 ~~and Ordinance 16948, which transformed the county's work on equity and social justice~~  
116 ~~from an initiative to an integrated effort that applies the King County Strategic Plan~~  
117 ~~2010-2014's "fair and just" principle to all the county does in order to achieve equitable~~  
118 ~~opportunities for all people and communities;~~

119 3.) Advise on development of indicators and targets for ~~((b))~~Best ~~((s))~~Starts for  
120 ~~((k))~~Kids children and youth strategies (~~for inclusion in the plan~~);

121 (~~4. Make recommendations that ensure the work of the county's steering~~  
122 ~~community to address juvenile justice disproportionality is taken into consideration in~~  
123 ~~development of the plan, to the maximum extent possible;~~

124 5. ~~Make recommendations on and~~) 2. ~~((m))~~Monitor the distribution of best  
125 starts for kids levy proceeds; (~~and~~

126 6. ~~Make recommendations on an~~) 3. Work in collaboration with executive staff  
127 on any recommended changes to the children and youth strategies in the Best Starts for  
128 Kids implementation plan; and

129 4. Consult on and review annual (~~reporting process~~) reports to the council and  
130 community that demonstrate~~((s))~~ transparency regarding the expenditure of levy proceeds  
131 and the effectiveness of the best starts for kids children and youth strategies in meeting  
132 the goals and outcomes established in Ordinance (~~18088~~) 19267.

133 F. The board may establish standing and ad hoc work groups focusing on specific  
134 components of children and youth services and ~~((b))~~Best ~~((s))~~Starts for ~~((k))~~Kids  
135 strategies. Individuals or representative from entities whose work is closely related to  
136 children and youth prevention and early intervention strategies may be invited to  
137 participate in work groups as nonvoting members.

138 G. Consistent with a collective impact model, the board shall:

139 1. Review and advise the executive and council on emerging and evolving best  
140 and promising practices to improve the health and well-being of children and youth;

141 2. Coordinate with other county boards and groups including, but not limited to,  
142 the steering committee to address juvenile justice disproportionality, the mental illness  
143 and drug dependency oversight board, the regional human services levy citizen oversight  
144 board and the veterans levy citizen oversight board, to maximize the impact of the  
145 county's children and youth services;

146 3. Serve as a forum to promote coordination and collaboration between entities  
147 involved in improving the health and well-being of children and youth; and

148 4. Coordinate and share information with other related external efforts and  
149 groups.

150 H. The board shall adopt rules governing its operations at its first meeting, which  
151 may be revised in subsequent meetings.

152 I.1. The board shall be composed of not more than forty members, at least ~~three~~  
153 five of whom shall be youth age twenty-four or under.

154           2. As required by Ordinance 18088, the board shall be comprised of a wide  
155 array of King County residents and stakeholders with geographically and culturally  
156 diverse perspectives.

157           3. Members of the advisory board shall be appointed by the executive and  
158 confirmed by the council.

159           J. ~~((The board shall establish terms of appointment by lot. ((Thirteen positions  
160 shall have initial terms of two years, thirteen positions shall have initial terms of three  
161 years and the remainder of the positions shall have initial terms of four years. After the  
162 initial terms have expired, all t))~~Terms for members of the board shall be for three years.

163           K. The board shall offer a nominal stipend for all youth board members aged  
164 twenty-four years old and younger. The stipend amount shall be one hundred twenty-five  
165 dollars per meeting and shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five dollars per month  
166 before December 31, 2022. Beginning January 1, 2023, the stipend amount per meeting  
167 and the maximum stipend amount per month shall be automatically adjusted annually,  
168 and every year thereafter, using the twelve-month change in the U.S. Department of  
169 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the  
170 Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue Statistical Metropolitan Area, which is known as "the CPI-U."  
171 However, if the twelve-month change in the CPI-U is negative, there shall not be an  
172 adjustment.

173           L. The board shall provide support to enable youth board members aged twenty-



- 174 four years old and younger to earn service-learning hours and community service hours  
175 for their participation on the board, where participation so qualifies.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Claudia Balducci, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** None