

**From:** [Sara McCaslin](#)  
**To:** [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
**Subject:** Comment for 8-18 Committee of the Whole  
**Date:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 5:21:39 PM

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Hello King County Council members,

I am a White Center resident writing to fully endorse council member Zahilay's Proposed Legislation No. 2021-0257.

The proposal provides a clear pathway to effectively utilize county-owned real property to be converted into potential community-sustaining spaces. The creation of a publicly accessible database of such potential properties is sorely needed.

Community leaders could proactively understand what spaces are available, instead of guessing in the dark or spaces languishing with underdeveloped potential.

In our crisis of affordable housing and affordable community spaces, we need every creative solution we can utilize to support King County's community leaders. COVID-19 shuttered or threatened the spaces of too many nonprofits and grassroots organizations in our county. We know these people are literally keeping the community alive and are filling every gap in social services. They need physical buildings to continue that work.

As a social services government employee and as a Governor and National Guard-decorated COVID-19 emergency response staffer, I know that all state and local pandemic responses would have utterly failed without the tireless work of community organizations, especially those lead by BIPOC, immigrant, disability and Queer leaders. They deserve to know and have access to fight for spaces that literally save lives.

Thank you for considering this public comment and thank you to Councilmember Zahilay for proposing innovative solutions.

Sara McCaslin  
Homeowner in White Center

**From:** [Rebecca Berry](#)  
**To:** [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Skyway Coalition](#); [Gayton, Chandler](#); [Zahilay, Girmay](#)  
**Subject:** Councilmember Zahilay Proposed Ordinance 2021-0257  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 18, 2021 7:53:22 AM  
**Attachments:** [Skyway Coalition Letterofsupport.pdf](#)

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King County, Committee of the Whole -

I am attaching Skyway Coalition's letter of support for Councilmember Zahilay Proposed Ordinance 2021-0257, being heard today, 8/18/21, at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Please let me know if you are unable to access this document.

Thank you,  
Rebecca

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Rebecca Berry  
[Skyway Coalition](#) / **Manager**

**From:** [James Sutter](#)  
**To:** [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please support the Surplus Land & Buildings for Community ordinance!  
**Date:** Monday, August 16, 2021 7:45:16 PM

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Hello!

As a Seattle resident, I'd like to submit a public comment for Wednesday's meeting and ask you to please support Councilmember Zahilay's Surplus Land & Buildings for Community Ordinance. There's no reason to let city property sit fallow when land is at such a premium in the city and there's so much unmet need—please make these properties available for community groups, sanctioned homeless camps, and other vital services. These are resources we already have. Let's put them to work and make a difference.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
James Sutter  
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