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Hello,

I was requested to send in written public comment for the committee meeting this morning. Below is my testimony.

My name is Eliana Horn and I am a resident of District 2. I strongly urge the Council to pass the resolution establishing the King County Equitable Development Initiative and reject the amendment proposed by Councilmember Upthegrove. As you are all aware, the rates of displacement in King County have skyrocketed for years, only worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic. Gentrification and displacement are only likely to increase in the coming years during the recovery (see this report for more information about Disaster Gentrification).

Indigenous, Black, and People of Color communities, immigrants, LGBTQ, disabled and low-income communities have suffered the most and will continue to be the ones most impacted, and it is these communities that are most able to, literally, build the way out of this crisis. The Equitable Development Initiative is an important step in providing the resources needed for BIPOC communities to lead the way out of this crisis.

The Seattle Equitable Development Initiative can only be described as a massive success, and King County should follow suit as this crisis spreads across the county.

Please vote yes on the resolution and no on the three amendments and striker proposed by Councilmember Upthegrove, amendments which, if passed, would dilute the resolution.

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