



KING COUNTY
Signature Report

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1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
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Ordinance

Proposed No. 2021-0367.1

Sponsors Lambert

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the structure and duties of
2 the Communities of Opportunity-Best Starts for Kids levy
3 advisory board; and amending Ordinance 18442, Section
4 1, and K.C.C. 2A.300.520.

5 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 6 1. Communities of Opportunity addresses the race and place-based
7 inequitable health and well-being outcomes in King County by supporting
8 communities in improving their health, social, and economic outcomes
9 and does so by partnering with communities to shape and own solutions.
- 10 2. Communities of Opportunity, which was launched by Seattle
11 Foundation and King County in March 2014, works in partnership with
12 community leaders, community residents and coalitions or partnerships,
13 community-based organizations, intermediary organizations and other
14 funders and partners that share a common vision for change, as well as a
15 shared agenda for measuring results, holding each other accountable and
16 engaging in open communication. An interim Communities of
17 Opportunity Governance Group, made up of King County and Seattle
18 Foundation appointees and a cross-section of Communities of Opportunity
19 partners, was established in October 2014.

20 3. In January 2016, Ordinance 18220 was enacted, relating to the
21 composition and duties of the Communities of Opportunity interim
22 governance group with respect to the Communities of Opportunity portion
23 of the Best Starts for Kids levy proceeds.

24 4. In December 2016, Ordinance 18442 was enacted, relating to the
25 structure and duties of the successor to the interim Communities of
26 Opportunity Governance Group, establishing a Communities of
27 Opportunity-Best Starts for Kids advisory board, with respect to
28 Communities of Opportunity portion of Best Starts for Kids levy proceeds;
29 and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2A.300.

30 5. In April 2021, Ordinance 19267 submitted to the voters of King
31 County a proposition to renew the Best Starts for Kids levy, providing for
32 resident oversight and authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy
33 limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a six-year consecutive
34 period, for the purpose of funding prevention and early intervention
35 strategies and a capital grants program to improve the health and well-
36 being of children, youth and their communities.

37 6. Ordinance 19267 also directs the executive, by October 1, 2021, to
38 transmit to the council for consideration and adoption by ordinance a Best
39 Starts for Kids governance update report that describes and explains
40 necessary and recommended changes to sections of the King County Code
41 and applicable ordinances that describe the composition and duties of the
42 Communities of Opportunity-Best Starts for Kids advisory board.

43 Renewal of the levy also requires an extension of the existence of the
44 Communities of Opportunity-Best Starts for Kids advisory board to
45 coincide with the levy.

46 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

47 SECTION 1. Ordinance 18442, Section 1, and K.C.C. 2A.300.520 are hereby
48 amended to read as follows:

49 A. The ~~((e))~~Communities of ~~((o))~~Oppportunity-~~((b))~~Best ~~((s))~~Starts for ~~((k))~~Kids
50 levy advisory board ~~((shall be the successor group to the communities of opportunity
51 interim governance group, and so))~~ shall be structured as follows:

52 1.~~((a:))~~ The board shall consist of a minimum of ~~((fourteen))~~ twenty members
53 and a maximum of ~~((eighteen))~~ twenty-four members, as determined by the board~~((,
54 except that the initial group size of the board, also between a minimum of fourteen and a
55 maximum of eighteen members, shall be determined by the interim governance group))~~;

56 2.a. Members of the board shall possess specific context or content experience
57 related to improving health and well-being outcomes in communities with the greatest
58 need for improvement, and shall be committed to the ~~((e))~~Communities of
59 ~~((o))~~Oppportunity ~~((b))~~Best ~~((s))~~Starts for ~~((k))~~Kids implementation plan, as adopted by
60 the council by ordinance. The commitment shall include a commitment to the principles
61 of equity and social justice articulated in the ~~((b))~~Best ~~((s))~~Starts for ~~((k))~~Kids
62 implementation plan as well as a commitment to evaluate and make potential decisions
63 through the equity and social justice lens articulated in the ~~((b))~~Best ~~((s))~~Starts for
64 ~~((k))~~Kids implementation plan. Members shall be committed to dismantling racism and
65 assessing and rebuilding antiracist processes to be racially equitable. Members shall

66 reflect the diversity in King County and shall reflect a range of backgrounds, including
67 living in or working in affected communities, working in a community-based
68 organization, nonprofit agency, intermediary organization, business((;)) or institution((;))
69 and having experience in the relevant subject matter areas of housing, health, social and
70 community connection or economic prosperity. Members shall recognize that strategies
71 may vary for different populations and in different locations of the county where there are
72 inequitable health and well-being outcomes.

73 b.(1) The board membership is constituted as follows:

74 (a) two members shall be appointed by ~~((the))~~ Seattle Foundation;

75 (b) one member shall be appointed as a representative of the county
76 executive by the county executive, and confirmed by the council by ordinance;

77 (c) one member shall be the ~~((appointed and confirmed as a representative
78 of the county council by the county council by ordinance))~~ chair of the county council or
79 designee;

80 (d) at least twenty percent of the advisory board members~~((, or three,
81 whichever is greater,))~~ shall be community members who reflect demographic
82 characteristics of the communities that qualify for funding in accordance with
83 ~~((e))~~Communities of ~~((o))~~Oppportunity funding guidelines((;)) and who are grassroots
84 organizers or activists in those communities or who live in or have worked in those
85 communities. ~~((These members shall be recommended to the executive by the interim
86 governance group, in the case of the appointees to the initial board, and by the board
87 thereafter))~~ Those members shall not be part of any Communities of Opportunity-funded

88 groups. In addition, members shall possess lived experience and deep connection to
89 communities with whom Communities of Opportunity partners;

90 (e) at least two members of the board shall be members of the
91 ~~((e))Communities of ((e))Opportunity community-partnerships representatives group((=~~
92 ~~Recommendations regarding appointments of persons to fill these positions shall be made~~
93 ~~to the executive by the interim governance group, in the case of the initial appointees to~~
94 ~~the board, and by the board thereafter. Recommendations to the executive regarding~~
95 ~~appointments of persons to fill these positions and regarding lengths of terms of any of~~
96 ~~those potential appointees shall be made after the community-based partnerships~~
97 ~~representatives group has made its recommendations to the interim governance group, in~~
98 ~~the case of the initial appointees to the board, and by the board thereafter));~~

99 (f) ~~((the interim governance group, in the case of the initial appointees, and~~
100 ~~the board thereafter))~~ at least two members of the board shall be members of the
101 Communities of Opportunity systems and policy change representatives group;

102 (g) at least two members of the board shall be members of the Communities
103 of Opportunity learning community representatives group;

104 (h) at least one member of the board shall be from an Indigenous or Urban
105 Native community-based organization or tribe, who is familiar with the impacts of racism
106 on Native people, communities, tribes and nations;

107 (i) four general members with system or sector knowledge of each
108 Communities of Opportunity result areas, with one member from each of the following
109 sectors: affordable housing; health; economic opportunity; and civic engagement or
110 community connection; and

111 (j) one nonvoting member who is the Communities of Opportunity director
112 or designee.

113 (2) the current board shall make recommendations to the executive regarding
114 appointments of ~~((remaining))~~ new board members~~((; and))~~.

115 ~~((g))~~ (3) ~~((t))~~ The executive shall create an open application process that
116 would enable individuals interested in serving on the board to submit a letter of interest
117 via the ~~((King County))~~ Communities of Opportunity website. The ~~((governance group,~~
118 ~~in the case of appointments to the first board, and the board, for appointments~~
119 ~~thereafter,))~~ board shall review and take into consideration letters of interest received
120 from individuals before making appointment recommendations to the executive.

121 ~~((2))~~ (4) All members shall be appointed by the executive and confirmed by
122 the county council, except for the representative who is the chair of the council or
123 designee and the two members appointed by Seattle Foundation.

124 (5) In addition to considering the recommendations ~~((from the interim~~
125 ~~governance group, in the case of appointments to the first board, and))~~ from the board,
126 ~~((for appointments thereafter,))~~ the executive shall consider appointment
127 recommendations from King County councilmembers of individuals who have applied
128 for a board position through the open application process described in subsection
129 A.2.b.~~((1)(g))~~ (3) of this section and who have been determined by the ~~((interim~~
130 ~~governance group or the))~~ board, as appropriate, to meet the membership criteria for
131 service on the board outlined in subsection A.2.a. of this section. Members shall be
132 appointed to the positions described in subsection A.2.b.(1)(d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j)
133 of this section by the executive within thirty days of receiving recommendations from

134 ~~((the interim governance group for the initial board appointees, or from))~~ the board for
135 appointees ~~((after the initial board is convened,))~~ and the council shall confirm
136 appointments to these positions by motion~~((:))~~;

137 3. A minimum of thirty percent of the members appointed to the board in
138 ~~((2017))~~ 2022 shall be new members who have not previously served on the ~~((interim~~
139 ~~governance group))~~ board;

140 4. ~~((The board shall be convened when the executive appoints all individuals~~
141 ~~who would fill the board positions described in subsections A.2.b.(1)(d), (e) and (f) to~~
142 ~~serve on the initial board, the number of which shall be determined by the interim~~
143 ~~governance group pursuant to subsection A.1.a. of this section.~~

144 ~~5.)~~ The two members appointed by the county and described in subsection
145 A.2.b.(1)(b) and (c) of this section and the two members appointed by ~~((the))~~ Seattle
146 Foundation shall each serve until replaced by a new appointee~~((:))~~;

147 ~~((6.))~~ 5. The community-based partnerships, the systems and policy change, and
148 learning community representatives on the board specified in subsection A.2.b.(1)(e), (f)
149 and (g) of this section shall have terms of at least one year and no more than three years.

150 The community-based partnerships, systems and policy, and learning community
151 representative groups, comprised of one individual from a funded entity participating in
152 each of the funded ~~((community-based partnership collectives for geographic or cultural~~
153 ~~community-based))~~ partnerships or groups shall issue recommendations to the board
154 regarding the ~~((two or more))~~ potential appointees to fill the board positions specified in
155 subsection A.2.b.(1)(e), (f) and (g) of this section and the term length of those potential
156 appointees~~((:))~~;

157 ~~((7-))~~ 6. All other board members shall have two-year or three-year terms that
158 may only be renewed one time, for up to three additional years;

159 ~~((8-))~~ 7. The board shall either use a formal consensus process, in which a
160 majority of all appointed members must participate~~((;))~~ and in which two or more
161 members opposing a decision together may block it; or the board shall select and use
162 another voting system. Meeting notes shall reflect all board decisions and the tally of
163 members voting to accept or block a decision; and

164 ~~((9-))~~ 8. The board shall have an established conflict of interest policy, requiring
165 members to declare a conflict in advance of a board decision in which the members, their
166 partners or spouses have a potential financial, fiduciary or employment conflict of
167 interest, ~~((and))~~ requiring members to recuse themselves from that decision~~((;))~~ and
168 requiring members who represent entities with current ~~((e))~~Communities of
169 ~~((o))~~Oppportunity funding ~~((for geographic or cultural community based partnership~~
170 ~~work))~~ to declare a conflict in advance and to recuse themselves from board decisions
171 related to those ~~((partnerships))~~ Communities of Opportunity-funded strategies or
172 program activities.

173 B.1. The ~~((duties of the))~~ board ~~((are to review and))~~ shall make ~~((simultaneous))~~
174 advisory recommendations to the executive and county council concerning the use of
175 levy proceeds for the ~~((e))~~Communities of ~~((o))~~Oppportunity element of the ~~((b))~~Best
176 ~~((s))~~Starts for ~~((k))~~Kids levy, consistent with the council-adopted ~~((e))~~Communities of
177 ~~((o))~~Oppportunity section of the ~~((b))~~Best ~~((s))~~Starts for ~~((k))~~Kids levy implementation
178 plan, make appointment recommendations to the executive as outlined in this section and

179 ~~((t))~~ evaluate letters of interest of individuals wishing to serve on the board to determine
180 whether they meet the membership criteria under the requirements of this section.

181 2. The representative of the county council shall have the additional duty to seek
182 input from all councilmembers before each meeting of the board on items known by this
183 individual to be scheduled for discussion or decision at each board meeting.

184 C.~~((t))~~ Administrative support shall be provided to the board by the
185 ~~((e))~~Communities of ~~((t))~~Oppportunity staff team in the department of community and
186 human services and ~~((the department of))~~ public health - Seattle & King County.

187 ~~((2. The support shall include the provision of all information and materials to
188 the county council representative that may be needed to seek meaningful input from
189 councilmembers on matters scheduled for discussion or decision at each board meeting at
190 least forty eight business hours before a scheduled board meeting.))~~

191 D. Notice of meetings of the board shall be posted on the county
192 ~~((e))~~Communities of ~~((t))~~Oppportunity website and meetings of the board shall be open to
193 the public to listen to and observe. In addition, when the board is considering or acting on
194 determining the size of the board or making appointments to the board, it shall conduct its
195 meetings in compliance with ~~((the provisions of))~~ the Open Public Meetings Act of 1971,

196 chapter 42.30 RCW.

197 E. This section expires December 31, (~~2021~~) 2027.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Claudia Balducci, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: None