



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**April 24, 2017**

**Motion 14851**

**Proposed No. 2017-0163.3**

**Sponsors McDermott**

1                   A MOTION adopting the King County 2017 (FY 2018)

2                   Federal Legislative Agenda.

3                   WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive have  
4 worked together through their respective government relations staff and desire to bring  
5 their positions on federal issues to the attention of the 115th Congress, and

6                   WHEREAS, King County desires to work cooperatively with other local  
7 governments and other organizations to achieve its 2017 (FY 2018) federal legislative  
8 goals, and

9                   WHEREAS, King County is dependent on a strong fiscal partnership with the  
10 federal government for addressing transportation and infrastructure, public health,  
11 affordable housing and homelessness, homeland security, flood control and other  
12 important needs, and

13                   WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive will  
14 continue to review congressional developments for possible revisions of King County's  
15 2017 (FY 2018) federal legislative goals;

16                   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

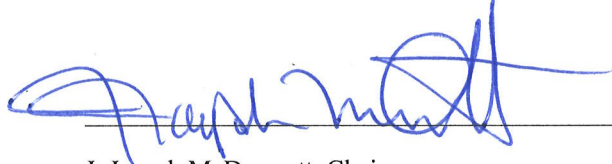
17                   The King County council hereby adopts the King County 2017 (FY 2018) Federal

18 Legislative Agenda, Attachment A to this motion, as King County's highest priorities for  
19 federal action in the 2017 (FY 2018) congressional cycle.  
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Motion 14851 was introduced on 4/3/2017 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/24/2017, by the following vote:

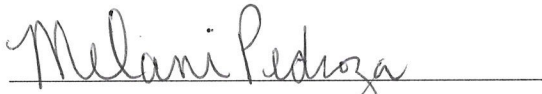
Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn,  
Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski, Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles  
and Ms. Balducci  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

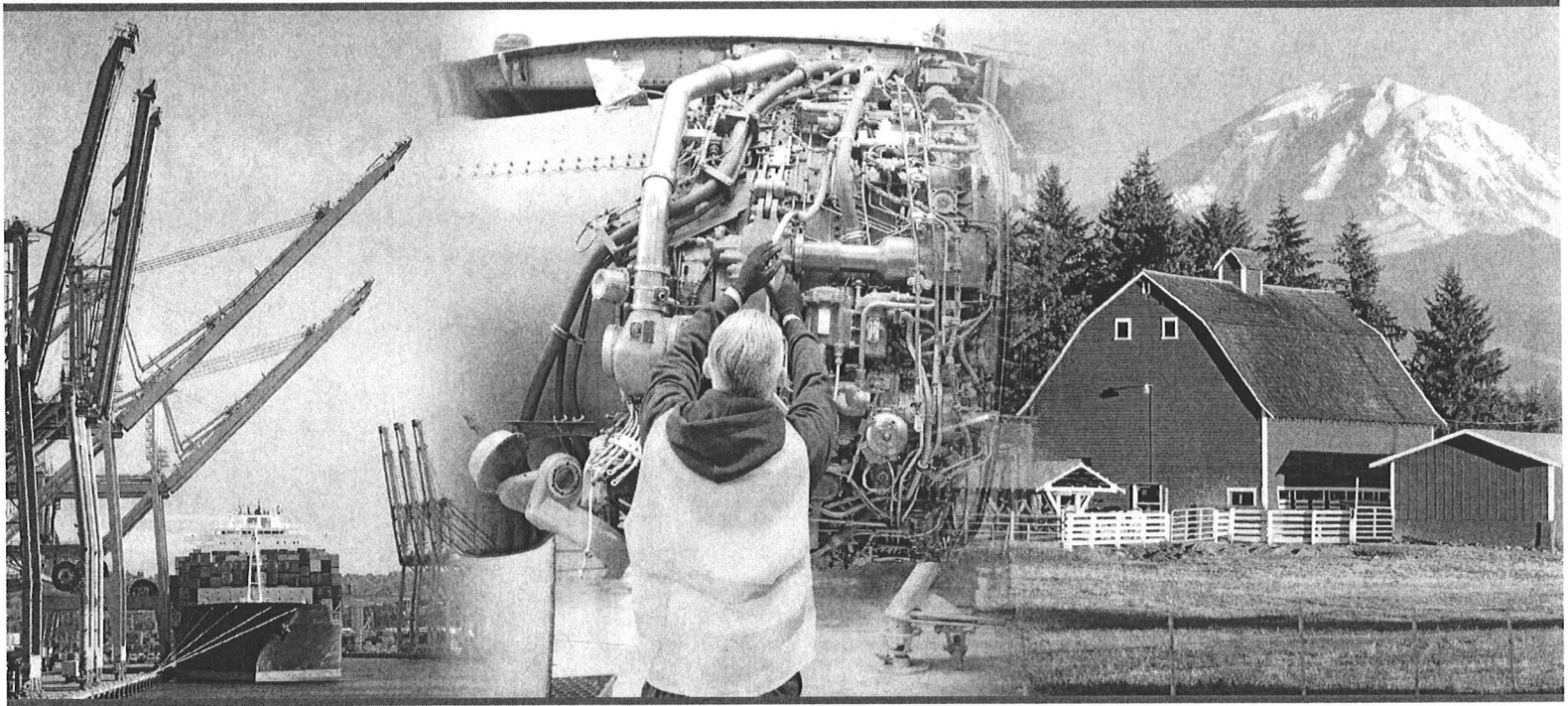


Melani Pedroza, Acting Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** A. King County 2017 (FY 2018) Federal Legislative Agenda, dated April 24, 2017



# King County 2017-2018 Federal Agenda



## Washington State is the best place in the country to work, live, and raise a family.

King County's economy – fueled by innovation and a skilled workforce – creates jobs and helps drive economic growth throughout Washington State. Businesses in the Puget Sound region influence the global economy, provide jobs for our residents, and keep local communities thriving.

Ensuring King County remains a place where everyone has the opportunity to reach his or her potential is a responsibility we share with our state and federal partners, and it's our promise to serve all those who call this region home. The Washington State Congressional delegation members are vital partners in our continued prosperity.

The King County Executive and Council have constructed an agenda that includes continuing investment in infrastructure, maintaining support for critical health and human service programs, tackling the opioid crisis affecting too many Washington families, and working to protect the environment. King County has been, and will continue to be, a strong partner and a good investment for the federal government.



## Infrastructure for a Strong Economy

From airplanes and lumber to apples and wheat, millions of dollars worth of goods grown, processed, or manufactured in Washington State move through King County on a daily basis. Thousands of commuters make their way to job centers every morning via King County roads, rails, trails and waterways. We need a transportation system that effectively moves people and goods.

- Maintain, replace, and repair aging bridges and roads; and fund and finance transit projects. Funding for programs including TIGER and TIFIA should be preserved, and programs that fund replacement of rural obsolete bridges should be increased, to ensure we meet the transportation needs of our economy and residents.
- Improve failing Army Corps of Engineers infrastructure, including the Ballard Locks, and the Howard Hanson and Buckley Diversion Dams; and invest in flood protection infrastructure to protect industry, manufacturing, farmlands, and working families.
- Increase regional competitiveness through development of the Eastside Rail Corridor, connecting job centers and neighborhoods on the Eastside of Lake Washington.
- Preserve the ecological and environmental uniqueness of the Puget Sound region by designating the Mountains to Sound Greenway as a National Heritage Area; funding federal programs to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and continue investing in the clean up of Puget Sound and the Duwamish River.

## Investing in Healthy Communities

King County must continue to work with our local and national partners to address a statewide homelessness crisis. Our approach must include strategies that address the root causes of the crisis.

- Support national efforts to combat opioid addiction and transition people safely off heroin and opioids.
- Secure resources for permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, and reemployment services to help communities address family, youth, chronic, veteran, and all homelessness. Federal programs that provide resources to address these challenges should be fully funded, including the CDBG and HOME grant programs.
- Continue access to affordable, quality health care for King County residents. Because of our federal partnership, we have seen a 50% reduction in the overall uninsured rate, and 98% of King County children have health insurance.
- Support federal programs and initiatives that address issues important to King County families, including: gender pay equity, paid family leave, immigration reform, gun violence prevention, reduction of juvenile detention and disproportionality in the criminal justice system, human trafficking, and equal protection for all people including those in the LGBTQ community.

## A Strong Investment

Existing investments in King County have led to positive stewardship and outcomes. We seek continued federal partnership with King County and the 2.1 million Americans who are proud to call this place home. We effectively leverage federal resources to drive economic growth and serve working families and vulnerable populations. Our 2017/2018 biennial budget anticipated federal investments of:

### Criminal Justice

#### Prosecuting Attorney's Office **\$10,758,465**

- Child support enforcement
- STOP Violence Against Women grants
- Grant funding for Project Safe Neighborhoods
- Grant funding for children's advocacy
- Grants for Data-Based Prosecution/Police Prosecutor Partnership
- Grant funding for domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking
- Crime Victim's assistance

#### Superior Court **\$2,110,000**

- Child support enforcement
- Grant funding for Family Treatment Court
- Grant funding for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children
- Medicaid Match

#### Sheriff's Office **\$2,050,000**

- Child support enforcement
- Grant funding for sex offender monitoring
- Traffic safety training
- Violence against women prevention

#### Adult and Juvenile Detention **\$1,230,000**

- Criminal Alien Assistance Program
- Grant funding for school meals

#### Judicial Administration **\$2,588,499**

- Child support enforcement

### Health and Human Services

#### Public Health **\$156,904,856**

- Medicaid administrative match
- Grant funding
- Medicaid payments

#### Community and Human Services **\$402,600,000**

- Employment and education services for adults and youth
- Housing and community development programs
- Therapeutic courts
- Behavioral health prevention, treatment, and services to support recovery
- Early intervention for babies and toddlers with developmental disabilities
- Employment services for adults with developmental disabilities

### Infrastructure

#### Transportation Department **\$162,900,000**

- FTA formula and discretionary funding
- Roads funding
- Marine funding

### Emergency Preparedness

#### Office of Emergency Management **\$5,476,000**

- Terrorism response and recovery
- Regional preparedness
- All hazard emergency preparedness system