



**KING COUNTY**

ATTACHMENT 1

**Signature Report**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**October 14, 2016**

**Ordinance**

**Proposed No.** 2016-0431.1

**Sponsors** Kohl-Welles and Dembowski

1           AN ORDINANCE establishing a task force on labor  
2           trafficking and economic exploitation and requiring a  
3           report with recommendations on the steps the county can  
4           take in addressing systematic issues related to labor  
5           trafficking and economic exploitation.

6           PREAMBLE:

7           King County is the thirteenth-largest and second-fastest-growing county in the  
8           United States. The county's rapid population growth is in great part attributed to  
9           first-generation immigrants from around the world, pursuing economic  
10          opportunities and better lives for themselves and their families. Because of its  
11          many marinas, airports, Interstate 5 and Interstate 90 freeways, King County has  
12          been the economic hub for the State, where very large numbers of imported and  
13          exported goods pass through to engage in international trades and transactions.

14          Washington is the most trade-dependent state and is located equidistant between  
15          Asia and Europe.

16          Washington State Law defines "human trafficking" or "trafficking" as an act  
17          conducted for the purpose of exploitation, including forced labor, by particular  
18          means, for example, threat of use of force or other forms of coercion, abduction,  
19          fraud or deception, abuse of power, or abuse of position of vulnerability.

20 Washington is considered to be a "hot spot" in an international trafficking circuit.  
21 Human trafficking is the world's second-largest and fastest-growing underground  
22 economy.

23 Although there are extensive studies to assess the issue of sex trafficking in  
24 Washington state, and there has been a concerted effort on behalf of King County  
25 to address the local issue of sex trafficking and domestic sexual exploitation, very  
26 little is known about the issue of labor trafficking and exploitation in Washington  
27 state, nor the impact King County's economy, commercial exchanges and  
28 procurement policies have on labor trafficking and economic exploitation of  
29 domestic and international workers.

30 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

31 SECTION 1. A. The executive shall convene a task force to assess and address  
32 the systemic issue of labor trafficking and economic exploitation in King County.

33 B. The human labor trafficking and economic exploitation task force should  
34 include, but not be limited to, representatives from the following:

- 35 1. The King County council;
- 36 2. The King County Executive's Office;
- 37 3. The department of community and human services;
- 38 4. The King County finance and business operations division;
- 39 5. The King County prosecuting attorney's office;
- 40 6. The department of adult and juvenile detention;
- 41 7. The King County sheriff's office;
- 42 8. The City of Seattle and King County board of health;

- 43           9. The Port of Seattle;
- 44           10. The King County Labor Council;
- 45           11. Washington Advisory Committee on Trafficking;
- 46           12. The Coalition of Immigrants, Refugees & Communities of Color;
- 47           13. Northwest Immigrant Rights Project;
- 48           14. The University of Washington Women's Center/Anti-Human Trafficking
- 49 Task Force;
- 50           15. Seattle Against Slavery;
- 51           16. The Washington Anti-Trafficking Response Network;~~and~~
- 52           17. A local law enforcement agency;
- 53           18. The Businesses Ending Slavery and Trafficking Employers Alliance;
- 54           19. Organizations representing communities of color;
- 55           20. Large corporations doing business in King County;
- 56           21. Small business in King County; and
- 57           22. Agricultural industry/farm workers organizations;
- 58           B. The work of the task force shall include, but not be limited to:
- 59           1. Consulting with county departments, businesses and community groups to
- 60 determine the effectiveness of agencies' delivery of services to victims and survivors,
- 61 especially those who have arrived from other countries to pursue economic opportunities
- 62 and experience labor trafficking and economic exploitation;
- 63           2. Reviewing current county standards and practices in purchasing, procurement,
- 64 contracting, and supply chain management, and recommending best practices in ethical

65 sourcing that protect workers and will ensure that all transactions are made through clean  
66 supply chains; and,

67           3. Reviewing current county practices in evaluating and monitoring the business  
68 operations, labor policies, and vendor management practices of contracted companies,  
69 and recommend best practices for supply chain management.

70           C. The task force shall also conduct outreach activities to obtain community and  
71 professional input and shall use that input to inform the Executive's report. Outreach  
72 activities should include, but not be limited to, holding open public forums and actively  
73 soliciting written, electronic or oral community comments.

74           D. The task force shall coordinate with other regional and local human trafficking  
75 efforts for the purpose of avoiding duplication of efforts. This coordination may include  
76 consideration of regional and local groups currently reviewing all forms of human  
77 trafficking, including, but not limited to, local, state and federal government groups and  
78 any groups formed by community-based organizations, service providers, or faith-based  
79 organizations.

80           SECTION 2. The executive shall develop a final, comprehensive report based on  
81 the work of the task force, including recommendations on the steps the county can take in  
82 addressing issues related to labor trafficking and economic exploitation. The report shall  
83 include at least the following:

84           A. A recommendation of what kind of study should be conducted to determine  
85 the extent and scope of labor trafficking in the county, including forms of economic  
86 exploitation, the number of people who experience economic exploitation, where it is

87 taking place, at-risk populations and the nations of origin of the individuals experiencing  
88 exploitation;

89 B. A list of the governmental and other local agencies that currently interact with  
90 the potential victims of labor trafficking;

91 C. An analysis of the federal, state and local laws and regulations related to labor  
92 trafficking, labor standards, procurement standards, purchasing standards, ethical  
93 sourcing, and supply chain management;

94 D. A review of other county ordinances, rules and practices that can reduce labor  
95 trafficking and economic exploitation through the county's procurement, purchasing,  
96 contracting and any other methods that advance ethical sourcing;

97 E. Identification of existing national and international best practices for reducing  
98 labor trafficking and economic exploitation, including helping victims and survivors, and  
99 increasing awareness of labor trafficking;

100 F. Recommendations for best practices in business operations, including  
101 procurement, purchasing, ethical sourcing, and supply chain management, and potential  
102 enforcement efforts county agencies might undertake to fully enforce these laws and  
103 regulations, along with a listing of agencies with the authority to enforce the laws and  
104 regulations;

105 G. Strategies to reduce labor trafficking and economic exploitation, to support  
106 victims, to train businesses and employees and to increase community awareness of labor  
107 trafficking and exploitation;

108 H. An implementation plan for those recommendations that can be implemented  
109 by county agencies and their associated costs; and

110 I. A description of how the report's recommendations will align with other  
111 regional and local human trafficking efforts.

112 SECTION 3. A. The task force members and two co-chairs, other than the  
113 identified county elected officials designated in Section 1.B., shall be appointed by the  
114 executive no later than December 1, 2016. At least thirty days before the appointments  
115 are made, the executive shall notify all councilmembers by letter of the persons the  
116 executive intends to appoint. The executive shall also, by electronic mail or letter, notify  
117 all councilmembers of persons who will be appointed by at least seven days before their  
118 final appointments. At least seven days before the appointments, the executive shall also,  
119 by electronic mail or letter, notify all councilmembers of the final persons who will be  
120 appointed. Upon appointment of the task force, the executive shall notify all  
121 councilmembers by letter of the appointments and file a paper and electronic copy with  
122 the clerk of the council. The task force shall hold its first meeting no later than January  
123 31, 2017, and meet quarterly thereafter.

124 B. The executive shall reimburse task force members for mileage at the standard  
125 county reimbursement rate for travel to and from scheduled task force meetings and for  
126 parking at meetings outside of county facilities. Task force members attending meetings  
127 at county facilities shall have parking in the county garage paid by the executive while  
128 members attend meetings or conduct business related to the task force.

129 C. The executive shall provide staffing and resources to effectively support the  
130 work of the task force and its outreach activities.

131 D. The task force expires June 1, 2018.

132            SECTION 4. A. By August 1, 2017, the task force shall provide a progress  
133 report to the council. The progress report shall be filed in the form of a paper original  
134 and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and  
135 provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers and the lead staff of the health, housing  
136 and human services committee, or its successor.

137            B. By December 1, 2018, the task force shall file its final report in the form of a  
138 paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the

139 original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers and the lead staff of the  
140 health and human services committee, or its successor.  
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:

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Melani Pedroza, Acting Clerk of the Council

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

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Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** None