



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 16662

Proposed No. 2024-0272.1

Sponsors Balducci, Upthegrove, Zahilay,
Dembowski, Mosqueda, Barón and Perry

1 A MOTION expressing the King County council's
2 opposition to the approval of Washington state Initiative
3 2117, which, if approved by voters, would repeal sections
4 of the Climate Commitment Act and prohibit state agencies
5 from implementing any type of carbon tax credit trading.

6 WHEREAS, Washington state Initiative 2117, which, if approved by the voters,
7 would repeal sections of the Climate Commitment Act and prohibit state agencies from
8 implementing any type of carbon tax credit trading, will be before Washington state
9 voters in the general election on November 5, 2024, and

10 WHEREAS, in 2021, Chapter 316, Laws of Washington 2021, known as the
11 Washington Climate Commitment Act, was enacted, which sets annual emission limits
12 for major emitters, such as oil refineries and utilities, and establishes a market-based
13 program, which is a cap-and-invest program, to reduce carbon pollution and achieve
14 greenhouse gas limits set in Washington state law, and

15 WHEREAS, the Washington Climate Commitment Act requires revenues raised
16 from the auction of emissions allowances must be re-invested into projects and grants
17 that help to achieve state climate change mitigation and resilience goals, and

18 WHEREAS, the Washington Climate Commitment Act requires that a minimum
19 of 35 percent of auction revenue be used for projects that directly benefit vulnerable

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20 populations with overburdened communities and Initiative 2117 would eliminate the
21 revenue source for these projects, and

22 WHEREAS, during the 2023 and 2024 legislative sessions, state lawmakers
23 allocated about \$2.8 billion of anticipated revenue from the Climate Commitment Act to
24 climate programs across the state and Initiative 2117 would eliminate the revenue source
25 for these programs, and

26 WHEREAS, revenues from the Climate Commitment Act advance or directly
27 support King County in meeting its climate operational goals set forth in the Strategic
28 Climate Action Plan, adopted by Motion 15866. Climate Commitment Act revenues will
29 support regional trails, including Eastrail, flexible funding to support transit operations
30 and services, support for the Metro transit department's Access paratransit operations,
31 free youth transit fare, capital infrastructure to support a zero-emission transit fleet,
32 installation of electric vehicle chargers, energy retrofit and solar power grants for public
33 buildings, landfill methane reduction, and grants to support local government planning
34 related to climate. Initiative 2117 would eliminate Climate Commitment Act revenues
35 supporting these investments, and

36 WHEREAS, revenues from the Climate Commitment Act will advance or directly
37 support climate initiatives in cities, schools, community based organizations, and
38 businesses in King County, such as solar installations for Federal Way public schools, air
39 quality mitigation equipment to residential, recreational, and educational facilities in
40 South King County, home electrification and appliance rebate program, grants to support
41 green jobs, workforce, and infrastructure, grants to improve urban tree canopy, riparian
42 protection grants, grants to reduce flooding and improve salmon habitat, and research to

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43 address disproportionate asthma rates of residents within a ten mile radius of Sea-Tac
44 airport. Initiative 2117 would eliminate Climate Commitment Act revenues supporting
45 these investments, and

46 WHEREAS, approval of Initiative 2117 by Washington voters would decrease
47 funding for state investments in transportation, clean air, renewable energy, conservation,
48 and emissions-reduction, and without such state investments, King County's goals to
49 reduce greenhouse gas emissions and address impacts from climate change set forth in
50 the Strategic Climate Action Plan would be adversely impacted, and

51 WHEREAS, RCW 42.17A.555(1) authorizes the King County council to take
52 action "to express a collective decision, or to actually vote on a motion, to support or
53 oppose a ballot measure so long as (a) the agenda includes the title and number of the
54 ballot proposition, and (b) members of the public and councilmembers are afforded an
55 approximately equal opportunity to express an opposing view," and

56 WHEREAS, consistent with RCW 42.17A.55, the King County council
57 considered Initiative 2117 at its INSERT DATE, regular meeting, and provided members
58 of the public and council an approximately equal opportunity to express support or
59 opposition to Initiative 2117;

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the King County council:

61 The King County council expresses its opposition to Initiative 2117 and
62 encourages the citizens of King County to reject Initiative 2117, a measure seeking to
63 repeal sections of the 2021 Washington Climate Commitment Act, and to bar state
64 agencies from imposing any type of program involving the trading of carbon tax credits,
65 at the November 5, 2024, general election.



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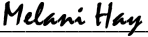
Yes: 7 - Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Mosqueda, Perry,
Upthegrove and Zahilay
Excused: 2 - Dunn and von Reichbauer

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KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Dave Upthegrove, Chair

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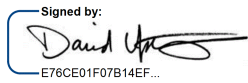
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