



Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Motion

Proposed No. 2019-0142.1

Sponsors Balducci

1 A MOTION related to a property tax levy for 2020 through
2 2026 for the purpose of maintaining and operating King
3 County's open space system; improving parks, recreation
4 and access through acquisition and continuing to develop
5 regional trails; repairing, replacing and improving parks
6 and trails located in King County's towns and cities;
7 funding environmental education, maintenance and
8 conservation programs at the Woodland Park Zoo; and
9 funding capital construction at the Seattle Aquarium, for all
10 King County residents.

11 WHEREAS, the county owns and operates regional trails, regional recreational
12 facilities, regional natural areas, regional parks and local parks in unincorporated areas,
13 which are parts of the county's "open space system," and

14 WHEREAS, the county's open space system consists of approximately twenty-
15 eight thousand acres of parks, natural areas and resource lands and more than one
16 hundred seventy-five miles of regional trails, and

17 WHEREAS, a robust open space system contributes to a high quality of life, and

18 WHEREAS, such an opens space system provides physical, social and mental
19 health benefits to individuals; economic opportunity through recreation and tourism;

20 economic growth for private businesses that must attract and retain skilled workers; and
21 environmental benefits and cultural resource protection through open space conservation,
22 and

23 WHEREAS, open space system provides all these benefits to King County
24 residents and businesses, and

25 WHEREAS, for the benefit of all King County residents, in February 2019, the
26 executive transmitted to the council Proposed Ordinance 2019-0084, which would submit
27 to the qualified electors of King County a property tax levy on the August 2019 special
28 election ballot for the purpose of maintaining and operating King County's open space
29 system, including parks; acquiring lands; continuing to develop regional trails; repairing,
30 replacing and improving parks and trails in King County's towns and cities; funding
31 environmental education, maintenance and conservation programs at the Woodland Park
32 Zoo; and funding capital construction at the Seattle Aquarium;

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

34 A. It is the intent of the council that use of levy proceeds for open space
35 conservation and acquisition purposes be consistent with the open space, natural lands
36 and urban green space acquisition guidelines, which are included as Attachment A to this
37 motion.

38 B. It is the intent of the council that use of levy proceeds for a targeted equity
39 grant program be consistent with the targeted equity grant program guidelines, which are
40 included as Attachment B to this motion.

41 C.1. It is the intent of the council that acquisition of rights-of-way for and
42 development of regional trails and major maintenance repair, replacement and

43 improvement of parks system infrastructure, as provided for in Ordinance XXXXX
44 (Proposed Ordinance 2019-0084), Section 4.C.2.b. and c., be allocated moneys as
45 provided to the projects and programs listed on Attachment C to this motion.

46 2. The moneys allocated to the projects and programs listed in Attachment C to
47 this motion may be modified where deemed advisable or necessary in the judgment of the
48 council; and implementation or completion of any project or program listed in
49 Attachment C to this motion will not be required if the council determines that it has
50 become inadvisable or impractical. The council shall make such a determination through
51 action on an appropriations ordinance.

52 3. The department of natural resources and parks shall report to the council
53 annually by September 30 of each year, beginning in 2020, if it anticipates requesting a
54 reallocation of moneys for projects or programs listed in Attachment C to this motion in
55 the following year. The report shall be filed in the form of a paper original and an
56 electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an
57 electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff and the lead staff to the
58 committee of the whole, or its successor, and the lead staff to the budget and fiscal

59 management committee, or its successor. The last report shall be filed by September 30,
60 2025.
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Rod Dembowski, Chair

ATTEST:

Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, ____.

Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: 2019-0142 A. Open Space Natural Lands and Urban Green Space Acquisition Guidelines, 2019-0142 B. Targeted Equity Grant Program Guidelines, 2019-0142 C. Planned 2020-2025 Parks Levy Funding for Regional Trails and Active Recreation Repair and Renovation