



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

April 18, 2018

Motion 15125

Proposed No. 2018-0159.2

**Sponsors Lambert, Upthegrove, McDermott
and Dunn**

1 A MOTION providing guidance on the establishment of a
2 department of local services.

3 WHEREAS, the county has a mission to provide fiscally responsible, quality-
4 driven local and regional services for healthy, safe and vibrant communities, and

5 WHEREAS, the population in unincorporated King County is over 247,000, a
6 population large enough to be the second largest city in the state, and

7 WHEREAS, the county has adopted a guiding principle to provide effective,
8 efficient local governance and services to unincorporated areas, and

9 WHEREAS, Executive Constantine created the local services initiative in the fall
10 of 2017 to explore new and better ways to serve the people of unincorporated King
11 County, and

12 WHEREAS, the executive has directed the executive's staff to begin the
13 formation of a department of local services to better serve the people of unincorporated
14 King County;

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

16 The executive is requested to:

17 A. Establish a new department of local services to be operational by January 1,
18 2019;

19 B. Prepare the 2019-2020 executive proposed budget reflective of a department

20 of local services and related changes to other King County departments, funds and rates;

21 C. Form a transition team with consultation from councilmembers representing
22 unincorporated areas, to recommend organizational, operational and other changes to the
23 executive, and be available to brief the council's standing and regional committees;

24 D. Develop and transmit an ordinance that would amend K.C.C. chapter 2.16 to
25 establish a department of local services that will work in partnership with each county
26 council district to focus on coordinating, enhancing and improving municipal services
27 provided to the county's unincorporated areas. The ordinance should have an emphasis
28 on:

29 1. Improving the coordination of local services by King County agencies
30 through increased collaboration;

31 2. Strengthening and expanding partnerships between the county, communities
32 and other entities;

33 3. Improving the delivery, responsiveness and quality of local services to the
34 people, businesses and communities of unincorporated King County through unified
35 accountability;

36 4. Improving local services through robust employee engagement while
37 embracing equity and social justice and continuous improvement;

38 5. Strengthening unincorporated communities by supporting local planning and
39 community initiatives; and

40 6. Pursuing innovative funding strategies; and

41 E. Develop and transmit legislation addressing funds, fund management and
42 financial policies and other legislation as appropriate to the county organizational change.
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Motion 15125 was introduced on 3/12/2018 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/16/2018, by the following vote:


Yes: 7 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski,
Mr. Upthegrove, Ms. Kohl-Welles and Ms. Balducci
No: 0
Excused: 2 - Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Dunn

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



J. Joseph McDermott, Chair

ATTEST:



Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None

