



KING COUNTY

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Signature Report

Ordinance 19399

Proposed No. 2021-0367.2

Sponsors Lambert and Zahilay

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the structure and duties of
 2 the Communities of Opportunity-Best Starts for Kids levy
 3 advisory board; and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter
 4 2A.300.

5 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

6 1. Communities of Opportunity addresses the race and place-based
 7 inequitable health and well-being outcomes in King County by supporting
 8 communities in improving their health, social, and economic outcomes
 9 and does so by partnering with communities to shape and own solutions.

10 2. Communities of Opportunity, which was launched by Seattle
 11 Foundation and King County in March 2014, works in partnership with
 12 community leaders, community residents and coalitions or partnerships,
 13 community-based organizations, intermediary organizations and other
 14 funders and partners that share a common vision for change, as well as a
 15 shared agenda for measuring results, holding each other accountable and
 16 engaging in open communication. An interim Communities of
 17 Opportunity Governance Group, made up of King County and Seattle
 18 Foundation appointees and a cross-section of Communities of Opportunity
 19 partners, was established in October 2014.

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20 3. In January 2016, Ordinance 18220 was enacted, relating to the
21 composition and duties of the Communities of Opportunity interim
22 governance group with respect to the Communities of Opportunity portion
23 of the Best Starts for Kids levy proceeds.

24 4. In December 2016, Ordinance 18442 was enacted, relating to the
25 structure and duties of the successor to the interim Communities of
26 Opportunity Governance Group, establishing a Communities of
27 Opportunity-Best Starts for Kids advisory board, with respect to
28 Communities of Opportunity portion of Best Starts for Kids levy proceeds;
29 and adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 2A.300.

30 5. In April 2021, Ordinance 19267 submitted to the voters of King
31 County a proposition to renew the Best Starts for Kids levy, providing for
32 resident oversight and authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy
33 limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a six-year consecutive
34 period, for the purpose of funding prevention and early intervention
35 strategies and a capital grants program to improve the health and well-
36 being of children, youth and their communities.

37 6. Ordinance 19267 also directs the executive, by October 1, 2021, to
38 transmit to the council for consideration and adoption by ordinance a Best
39 Starts for Kids governance update report that describes and explains
40 necessary and recommended changes to sections of the King County Code
41 and applicable ordinances that describe the composition and duties of the
42 Communities of Opportunity-Best Starts for Kids advisory board.

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43 Renewal of the levy also requires an extension of the existence of the
44 Communities of Opportunity-Best Starts for Kids advisory board to
45 coincide with the levy.

46 7. K.C.C. 2A.300.520 related to the Communities of Opportunity-Best
47 Starts for Kids levy advisory board expired on December 31, 2021.

48 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

49 NEW SECTION. SECTION 1. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 2A.300
50 a new section to read as follows:

51 A. The Communities of Opportunity-Best Starts for Kids levy advisory board
52 shall be structured as follows:

53 1. The board shall consist of a minimum of twenty members and a maximum of
54 twenty-four members, as determined by the board;

55 2.a. Members of the board shall possess specific context or content experience
56 related to improving health and well-being outcomes in communities with the greatest
57 need for improvement, and shall be committed to the Communities of Opportunity
58 section of the Best Starts for Kids implementation plan, as adopted by the council by
59 ordinance. The commitment shall include a commitment to the principles of equity and
60 social justice articulated in the Best Starts for Kids implementation plan as well as a
61 commitment to evaluate and make potential decisions through the equity and social
62 justice lens articulated in the Best Starts for Kids implementation plan. Members shall be
63 committed to dismantling racism and assessing and rebuilding antiracist processes to be
64 racially equitable. Members shall reflect the diversity in King County and shall reflect a
65 range of backgrounds, including living in or working in affected communities, working in

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66 a community-based organization, nonprofit agency, intermediary organization, business
67 or institution and having experience in the relevant subject matter areas of housing,
68 health, social and community connection or economic prosperity. Members shall
69 recognize that strategies may vary for different populations and in different locations of
70 the county where there are inequitable health and well-being outcomes.

71 b.(1) The board membership is constituted as follows:

72 (a) two members shall be appointed by Seattle Foundation;

73 (b) one member shall be the county executive or designee;

74 (c) one member shall be the chair of the county council or designee;

75 (d) at least twenty percent of the advisory board members shall be

76 community members who reflect demographic characteristics of the communities that

77 qualify for funding in accordance with Communities of Opportunity funding guidelines

78 and who are grassroots organizers or activists in those communities or who live in or

79 have worked in those communities. Those members shall not be part of any

80 Communities of Opportunity-funded groups. In addition, members shall possess lived

81 experience and deep connection to communities with whom Communities of Opportunity

82 partners;

83 (e) at least two members of the board shall be members of the Communities

84 of Opportunity community-partnerships representatives group;

85 (f) at least two members of the board shall be members of the Communities

86 of Opportunity systems and policy change representatives group;

87 (g) at least two members of the board shall be members of the Communities

88 of Opportunity learning community representatives group;

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89 (h) at least one member of the board shall be from an Indigenous or Urban
90 Native community-based organization or tribe, who is familiar with the impacts of racism
91 on Native people, communities, tribes and nations;

92 (i) four general members with system or sector knowledge of each
93 Communities of Opportunity result areas, with one member from each of the following
94 sectors: affordable housing; health; economic opportunity; and civic engagement or
95 community connection; and

96 (j) one nonvoting member who is the Communities of Opportunity director
97 or designee.

98 (2) the current board shall make recommendations to the executive regarding
99 appointments of new board members.

100 (3) The executive shall create an open application process that would enable
101 individuals interested in serving on the board to submit a letter of interest via the
102 Communities of Opportunity website. The board shall review and take into consideration
103 letters of interest received from individuals before making appointment recommendations
104 to the executive.

105 (4) All members shall be appointed by the executive and confirmed by the
106 county council, except for the representative who is the chair of the council or designee,
107 the representative who is the county executive or designee and the two members
108 appointed by Seattle Foundation.

109 (5) In addition to considering the recommendations from the board, the
110 executive shall consider appointment recommendations from King County
111 councilmembers of individuals who have applied for a board position through the open

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112 application process described in subsection A.2.b.(3) of this section and who have been
113 determined by the board, as appropriate, to meet the membership criteria for service on
114 the board outlined in subsection A.2.a. of this section. Members shall be appointed to the
115 positions described in subsection A.2.b.(1)(d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j) of this section
116 by the executive within thirty days of receiving recommendations from the board for
117 appointees and the council shall confirm appointments to these positions by motion;

118 3. A minimum of thirty percent of the members appointed to the board in 2022
119 shall be new members who have not previously served on the board;

120 4. The two members appointed by the county and described in subsection
121 A.2.b.(1)(b) and (c) of this section and the two members appointed by Seattle Foundation
122 shall each serve until replaced by a new appointee;

123 5. The community-based partnerships, the systems and policy change, and
124 learning community representatives on the board specified in subsection A.2.b.(1)(e), (f)
125 and (g) of this section shall have terms of at least one year and no more than three years.
126 The community-based partnerships, systems and policy, and learning community
127 representative groups, comprised of one individual from a funded entity participating in
128 each of the funded partnerships or groups shall issue recommendations to the board
129 regarding the potential appointees to fill the board positions specified in subsection
130 A.2.b.(1)(e), (f) and (g) of this section and the term length of those potential appointees;

131 6. All other board members shall have two-year or three-year terms that may
132 only be renewed one time, for up to three additional years;

133 7. The board shall either use a formal consensus process, in which a majority of
134 all appointed members must participate and in which two or more members opposing a

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135 decision together may block it; or the board shall select and use another voting system.
136 Meeting notes shall reflect all board decisions and the tally of members voting to accept
137 or block a decision; and

138 8. The board shall have an established conflict of interest policy, requiring
139 members to declare a conflict in advance of a board decision in which the members, their
140 partners or spouses have a potential financial, fiduciary or employment conflict of
141 interest, requiring members to recuse themselves from that decision and requiring
142 members who represent entities with current Communities of Opportunity funding to
143 declare a conflict in advance and to recuse themselves from board decisions related to
144 those Communities of Opportunity-funded strategies or program activities.

145 B.1. The board shall make advisory recommendations to the executive and
146 county council concerning the use of levy proceeds for the Communities of Opportunity
147 element of the Best Starts for Kids levy, consistent with the council-adopted
148 Communities of Opportunity section of the Best Starts for Kids levy implementation
149 plan, make appointment recommendations to the executive as outlined in this section and
150 evaluate letters of interest of individuals wishing to serve on the board to determine
151 whether they meet the membership criteria under the requirements of this section.

152 2. The representative of the county council shall have the additional duty to seek
153 input from all councilmembers before each meeting of the board on items known by this
154 individual to be scheduled for discussion or decision at each board meeting.

155 C. Administrative support shall be provided to the board by the Communities of
156 Opportunity staff team in the department of community and human services and public
157 health - Seattle & King County.

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158 D. Notice of meetings of the board shall be posted on the county Communities of
159 Opportunity website and meetings of the board shall be open to the public to listen to and
160 observe. In addition, when the board is considering or acting on determining the size of
161 the board or making appointments to the board, it shall conduct its meetings in
162 compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1971, chapter 42.30 RCW.

163 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this ordinance expires December 31, 2027.

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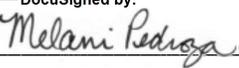
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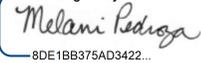
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