



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 16046

Proposed No. 2022-0021.1

Sponsors Balducci and von Reichbauer

1 A MOTION requesting the parks division of the
2 department of natural resources and parks to work with the
3 cities of Bellevue and Redmond and community partners to
4 evaluate and support the possibility of constructing a major
5 league cricket facility in Marymoor park, and to provide a
6 briefing to the council.

7 WHEREAS, cricket is the second most popular sport in the world, yet has little
8 media presence in the United States, and

9 WHEREAS, there are an estimated twenty million cricket fans in the United
10 States, and

11 WHEREAS, cricket is a popular sport globally with multicultural appeal for
12 residents, workers and children across King County, and

13 WHEREAS, King County has a large population of foreign-born residents,
14 including approximately one hundred thousand foreign-born residents from regions
15 where cricket is popular, including South Asia, the United Kingdom, and Oceania, based
16 on 2019 data, and

17 WHEREAS, based on 2019 data, the percentage of foreign-born residents from
18 South Asian countries was roughly fifteen percent for the entire King County, and the
19 percentage is higher for the cities of Bellevue and Redmond, at roughly twenty eight
20 percent and forty three percent, respectively, and

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21 WHEREAS, over the last decade, King County's South Asian population has
22 increased by over one hundred percent, and

23 WHEREAS, the lack of infrastructure and amenities for cricket in King County
24 represents an equity issue, especially as the county continues to grow and become more
25 diverse and multicultural, and

26 WHEREAS, thousands of adult, youth and recreational cricketers are currently
27 underserved by existing recreational cricket facilities in King County, and

28 WHEREAS, King County is home to hundreds of exceptionally talented youth
29 cricketers who would benefit from greater access to facilities and opportunities in our
30 region so they could continue to cultivate their skills, and

31 WHEREAS, King County is being considered as one of the founding locations for
32 a major league cricket team for the inaugural 2023 season, and the availability of a
33 professional cricket facility is likely to be a determinative factor as to whether King
34 County is selected as a founding location, and

35 WHEREAS, a professional, multipurpose cricket facility located in King County
36 would attract tourists and cricketers from around the world and promote community
37 building for residents across our region, and

38 WHEREAS, a professional multipurpose cricket facility can generate significant
39 local economic impact through ancillary community spending, event spending and venue
40 construction, and could also be used a venue for other community events, including
41 concerts, and

42 WHEREAS, the United States will be cohosting the 2024 Cricket World Cup for
43 the first time and King County would be competitive to host matches if a facility was

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44 available, generating significant economic impact, tourism and a worldwide television
45 audience of more than a billion people, and

46 WHEREAS, regional stakeholders including the city of Bellevue, city of
47 Redmond, Seattle Sports Commission, Visit Bellevue, One Redmond, the Bellevue
48 Chamber and local employers have all engaged in conversations about bringing Major
49 League Cricket to the region, and

50 WHEREAS, at its November 1, 2021, meeting, the Bellevue City Council passed
51 a verbal motion directing Bellevue city staff to explore the opportunity to redevelop and
52 repurpose a Bellevue Utilities-owned property within Marymoor park for a major league
53 cricket facility, and

54 WHEREAS, Marymoor park is one of the jewels of the King County parks
55 system and would become even more vibrant and welcoming if it included a world-class
56 cricket facility, and

57 WHEREAS, adding additional cricket facilities to the King County parks system
58 would align with and further King County's equity and social justice goals, and

59 WHEREAS, many King County residents have not had the opportunity to play or
60 watch cricket and siting this facility at Marymoor park would introduce many people to
61 this exciting sport, and

62 WHEREAS, the council welcomes the efforts to seize this once-in-a-generation
63 opportunity to develop a multipurpose cricket facility and thanks the cities of Bellevue
64 and Redmond for exploring this opportunity, which would strengthen our community,
65 provide economic benefits, and support youth and adult cricketers in King County;

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

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67 The council requests that the parks division of the department of natural resources
68 and parks and the department of local services, permitting division:

69 A. Work with the cities of Bellevue and Redmond and community stakeholders
70 to evaluate the possibility of using the city of Bellevue Utilities property in Marymoor
71 park, parcel number 122505-9195, for a cricket facility, and make every effort to make
72 the project a success; and

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- 73 B. Provide a briefing to the transportation, economy and environment committee,
74 or its successor, on the status of the project no later than March 2022.

Motion 16046 was introduced on 1/18/2022 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/22/2022, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Balducci, Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Perry,
McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay

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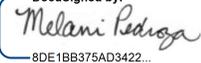
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