



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

Motion 15807

Proposed No. 2021-0086.2

Sponsors Kohl-Welles, Dembowski, Dunn,
Zahilay and Upthegrove

1 A MOTION condemning the preferential access to
2 COVID-19 vaccinations for hospital donors and calling on
3 the state Legislature to take action prohibiting such actions.

4 WHEREAS, as of February 1, 2021, there have been 77,017 positive cases of
5 COVID-19 and 1,264 deaths in King County, and

6 WHEREAS, as of February 1, 2021, there have been 293,250 COVID-19 vaccine
7 doses allocated across King County, approximately 250,063 of which have been
8 administered, and

9 WHEREAS, at the metropolitan King County council meeting on January 12,
10 2021, public health-Seattle & King County director Patty Hayes expressed the unified
11 goal to efficiently and equitably vaccinate as many King County residents as possible,
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the federal government has announced that it will send an initial
14 shipment of one million doses directly to 6,500 pharmacy stores across the country
15 beginning on February 11, 2021, and

16 WHEREAS, as of January 18, 2021, all older adults in Washington state over the
17 age of 65, and some people age 50 and older who are living in multigenerational
18 households, are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, and

19 WHEREAS, many seniors and vulnerable populations throughout the county are

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20 struggling to access and navigate the current public health landscape in order to sign up
21 for and receive COVID-19 vaccines, and

22 WHEREAS, the digital divide and mobility access continue to wreak havoc on
23 many low-income seniors, Black, Indigenous and People of Color ("BIOPOC") and
24 vulnerable populations with disabilities and who are unhoused, making it difficult to sign
25 up to receive a vaccine or travel to an appropriate vaccination site, and

26 WHEREAS, BIPOC, immigrant and senior communities, and essential workers
27 have been hit the hardest by the COVID-19 pandemic, and

28 WHEREAS, centuries of systemic racism have led some in the BIPOC
29 communities to be distrustful of vaccinations administered by the government, and

30 WHEREAS, trust and positive public perception of the state, county and local
31 rollout of vaccines is critical to ensure the rapid and effective deployment of vaccines
32 throughout our region, and

33 WHEREAS, it was reported in the Seattle Times and other media outlets that
34 three medical systems in our county gave preferential treatment and special access to
35 COVID-19 vaccinations to financial donors and board members, and

36 WHEREAS, providing vaccines to nonpriority populations and those with
37 financial influence is unethical, inequitable and prevents our most vulnerable
38 communities from being vaccinated and betrays the equity and social justice values of
39 King County government, and

40 WHEREAS, these unethical actions are in complete contrast to the Hippocratic
41 Oath to do no harm, and

42 WHEREAS, in order to end this pandemic as soon as possible in King County,

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43 local and state governments must ensure that the most-marginalized communities and
44 frontline essential workers are prioritized for the COVID-19 vaccine instead of wealthy
45 donors to organizations and businesses;

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

47 A. The council strongly condemns the actions of those hospitals and businesses
48 that have given preferential treatment to high-profile donors, board members and family
49 and friends, allowing them to receive COVID-19 vaccinations before more-vulnerable
50 priority populations.

51 B. The council recognizes that preferential treatment by medical systems in our
52 region leads to distrust and inhibits priority populations from receiving the COVID-19
53 vaccine equitably.

54 C. The council calls on Washington Governor Jay Inslee to issue an executive
55 order immediately prohibiting special access to vaccinations and requiring COVID-19
56 vaccines be distributed equitably in Washington state.

57 D. The council calls on the Washington state Legislature to take action in the
58 2021 legislative session to prohibit medical systems from distributing vaccines
59 inequitably by, for example, giving preferential access to donors or board members.

60 E. The council calls on the Washington state Department of Health to allocate

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61 vaccines equitably to serve populations at higher risk, including low-income communities
62 of color.
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Motion 15807 was introduced on 2/2/2021 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/9/2021, by the following vote:

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

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Claudia Balducci, Chair

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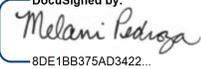
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