

From: [Anna Clausen](#)
To: [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)
Cc: [Dembowski, Rod](#)
Subject: In support of Zahilay's amendment
Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 2:49:26 PM

Hi Counsel,

I'm a local small business owner and a born and raised North Seattleite. I'm emailing to ask you to please support Council Member's Zahilay's amendment allocating 30 million dollars to support the Community-Driven Fund for Housing, Homelessness Response, and Behavioral Health.

I firmly believe that communities seeking solutions that are most affecting them have the answers. In fact, they are already creating solutions, they just need to be better funded.

Counsel member Dembowski, you came to speak with Morning March Seattle last summer in White Center. I was impressed with your openness and willingness to listen and engage with community. Please continue that openness and listen to those with solutions and support Zahilay's amendment.

Thank you,

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From: [Cause Haun](#)
To: [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)
Subject: Investing in Black-Led Orgs Prevents Gun Violence
Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 6:14:48 PM

Dear Councilmembers -

As a Moms Demand Action volunteer, I urge you to please support Councilmember Girmay Zahilay's budget amendment proposal - the **Community-Driven Fund for Housing, Homelessness Response, and Behavioral Health** that will reserve \$30,000,000 to establish a program that awards grants to organizations that provide housing or behavioral health services for those experiencing homelessness. We have seen how the pandemic has exacerbated the root causes of gun violence, like income, healthcare, and housing inequality. These root causes reflect generations of systemic racial discrimination, and King County's Black communities have been heavily impacted by both COVID-19 and gun violence.

COVID-19 has strained the resources and capacity of life-saving social service providers in communities most in need of services. This amendment would allow King County to support community-based organizations in continuing and expanding existing housing and behavioral health projects, especially organizations that are run by people who reflect the demographics most disproportionately impacted by community gun violence. This is crucial because community-driven efforts that provide culturally responsive care are the most effective forms of care, especially if the goal is racial justice.

Thank you,
Cause Haun
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From: [Amanda Haws](#)
To: [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)
Subject: Community-Driven Fund
Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 7:35:41 PM

Dear Councilmembers -

I'm a Seattle volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and I'm writing to ask you to support Councilmember Girmay Zahilay's budget amendment proposal for the Community-Driven Fund for Housing, Homelessness Response, and Behavioral Health. This amendment would reserve \$30,000,000 to establish a program that awards grants to organizations that provide housing or behavioral health services in response to homelessness that has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. In effect, this amendment would allow King County to support community-based organizations with their existing housing and behavioral health projects, especially organizations that are run by people who reflect the demographics most disproportionately impacted. This is crucial because community-driven efforts that provide culturally responsive care are the most effective forms of care, especially if the goals are racial justice, violence reduction and building healthy and sustainable life paths.

Thanks for your time and the work you do.

Warmly,
Mandi Haws BSW OTR/L
Pediatric Occupational Therapist

From: [adrianna hulscher](#)
To: [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)
Subject: Please Support Community-Driven Fund!
Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 5:40:52 PM

Dear Councilmembers -

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Thank you,
Adrianna Hulscher
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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jamie Jackson](#)
To: [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 1:10:49 PM

My name is Jamie Jackson, the Executive Director of The Dare2Be Project organization. I am in here in support of BOTH:

- **CM Zahilay's amendment for \$30M that reserves \$30 million toward holistic Black & Indigenous community-driven affordable housing & wraparound direct services, AND**
- **The Unincorporated BIPOC Alliance w/Skyway, White Center and Vashon focused in unifying to support of our BIPOC communities Economic Development**
- I'm a Skyway resident of 10 years
- I work for and on the behalf of the community
- Due to lack of investment and infrastructure the Skyway Community has struggled: with connecting w/schools; juggling losing jobs - navigating systems that often refuse services due to our zip code
- To be clear Skyway was suffering prior to covid and this pandemic increased and made visible the flaws in our social and economic systems that are supposed to maintain our community's viability.
- Our community has been explored, studied, engaged for a plethora of years. We are asking King County to leverage the learning from those experiences to yield some dividends in investments. You have an opportunity to make a minimal investment for maximum impact starting with investing in a community led economic planning team based from the hundreds of pages of community voice.
- We are respectfully asking, watching with the expectation that you will lead with equity and social justice as you make investments that support the most vulnerable community members.

Thank you for listening.

From: [Leah Lucid](#)
To: [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)
Cc: [Dembowski, Rod](#)
Subject: Constituent Opinion -- please support the amendment!!
Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 1:52:44 PM

Hello Council Members,

I'm a Seattle volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and a constituent of Seattle, asking you to please support Council Member's Zahilay's amendment allocating 30 million dollars to support the Community-Driven Fund for Housing, Homelessness Response, and Behavioral Health.

Thank you,
Leah Lucid, District 4, Maple Leaf

Leah Lucid, MS (she/her)
University of Washington

From: [Rachel Perry](#)
To: [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)
Subject: Public Comment: Budget and Fiscal Management Committee
Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 2:58:46 PM

Hello, my name is Rachel Perry and I'm the Executive Director of Auburn Symphony, serving mainly District 7. I was not able to make a public comment at the meeting earlier today since there were so many participants so I am submitting my comment here.

Thank you for including the cultural sector in your COVID recovery funding. For Auburn Symphony COVID relief funding from all sources has been an absolute lifeline.

Auburn Symphony is a fully-professional orchestra entering our 25th Season. I'm proud to say that Auburn Symphony has continued to create programming to stay Creatively Connected to our community, although surprisingly we have not sold a ticket to anything in more than 14 months and won't hold a live concert until October 2021. That is a loss of more than \$80,000 in ticket revenue out of our regular \$400,000 budget.

And yet, this season we have created 15 new solo and ensemble programs, 4 archival videos, and 4 educational videos, all released for free through our YouTube and Facebook pages. We worked our way up from groups of five musicians last Fall to our last program that will be released next week with 38 musicians, all socially distanced and following COVID safety protocol. Even in our last recording session in April, we had musicians saying that this was their first gig in more than a year.

Organizations like Auburn Symphony need these COVID relief funds to not only keep music flowing into our community at a time when it is sorely needed, but to keep our artistic resources, our musicians, emotionally and financially secure.

I urge you to leave the funding as flexible as possible. ASO's needs are different from that of my colleagues you'll hear from today, and different from all the amazing cultural organizations we have in our county.

We look forward to the day when we can welcome you and our audience back into the concert hall and hear the roar of applause that has been conspicuously missing for the last 14 months. Thank you!

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From: [Amy Suter](#)
To: [KCC - Committee Assistants \(Email Group\)](#)
Subject: Urging your support of Councilmember Zahilay's Budget Amendment Proposal
Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 7:25:32 PM

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Thank you,
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