

Legislation Text

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A MOTION adopting the council's equity and social justice work plan for 2015-2016.

WHEREAS, in July 2010, the King County council adopted the 2010-2014 King County Strategic Plan with a "fair and just" guiding principle to serve all residents of King County by promoting fairness and opportunity and eliminating inequalities, and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 16948, enacted in October 2010, defined how the county intends to prioritize and address equity and social justice in county government, and created an interbranch team to coordinate these countywide efforts, and

WHEREAS, the council has adopted annual equity and social justice work plans intended to address the values of equity and social justice within the legislative branch, and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of those work plans, the council has undertaken a number of initiatives to emphasize its commitment to the values of equity and social justice, and

WHEREAS, among these initiatives are: the incorporation of equity and social justice into the review of the county budget; the formation of a legislative equity and social justice team allowing for the participation of legislative branch agencies in reviewing and originating equity and social justice initiatives and sharing equity and social justice successes and challenges; and a brown-bag lunch series featuring speakers and informational presentations, and

WHEREAS, the equity and social justice interbranch team, created under council direction by Ordinance 16948, has provided guidance in the preparation of equity and social justice work plans for all

departments and interbranch agencies as directed in that ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the intent of the proposed 2015-2016 equity and social justice work plan of the legislative branch is to respond to the guidance of the interbranch team in preparation of the work plan, utilizing strategies such as creating inclusive and accessible public processes, and engaging legislative branch employees in equity and social justice training opportunities;

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

The 2015-2016 legislative branch work plan for equity and social justice, Attachment A to this motion, is hereby approved.