



Legislation Text

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AN ORDINANCE related to immigrant and refugee task force membership; and
amending Ordinance 18085, Section 2.

PREAMBLE:

Ordinance 18085 charged the executive with appointing an eight- to twelve-member task force to make recommendations on the creation of a King County immigrant and refugee commission. Eight of the twelve members were required to have specific characteristics, including representation from large and small immigrant and refugee organizations, unincorporated King County and faith and business communities, and knowledge of government operations. The addition of a thirteenth member to the task force would expand the number of voices represented from the county's communities.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 18085, Section 2, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. The task force shall consist of at least eight and no more than ~~((twelve))~~ thirteen members.
- B. The task force shall include representation from at least two organizations representing immigrant issues and two organizations representing refugee issues. Of these, at least one of the immigrant organizations and one of the refugee organizations shall be small, local, community-based organizations.
- C. At least one member of the task force shall live in, or represent an organization situated within, unincorporated King County.
- D. At least one member of the task force shall represent a faith-based organization.

E. At least one member of the task force shall represent the minority business sector, such as a minority chamber of commerce or minority bar association representative.

F. At least one member of the task force shall be knowledgeable about King County government operations in general and may possess expertise about service delivery of one or more agencies to immigrants and refugees. This member should be able to serve as a resource to other task force members to identify opportunities and challenges within local government in the delivery of county services for immigrant and refugee populations and help bring together the governmental knowledge of staff with the community understanding of the task force.

G. Task force members shall be leaders within the immigrant and refugee communities. Members must possess expertise in immigrant or refugee issues and the ability to engage relevant communities in identifying desirable characteristics of the commission's membership, mission and scope of duties.

H. The task force shall be appointed by the executive no later than September 1, 2015. At least thirty days before the appointment, the executive shall notify all councilmembers by letter of the persons the executive intends to appoint. The executive shall also, by electronic mail or letter, notify all councilmembers of the final persons who will be appointed by at least seven days before the appointment. ~~((Upon appointment of the task force))~~ The requirements of this subsection are waived upon transmittal by the executive of a written explanation of the need for the waiver, which shall be included with the appointment notification in subsection I. of this section.

I. For each task force member appointment, the executive shall notify all councilmembers by letter of the appointment~~((s))~~ and file a paper and electronic copy with the clerk of the council. The task force shall hold its first meeting no later than October 1, 2015.

~~((H.))~~ I. The executive shall reimburse task force members for mileage at the standard county reimbursement rate for travel to and from scheduled task force meetings and for parking at meetings outside of county facilities. Task force members attending meetings at county facilities shall have parking in the county

garage paid by the executive while members attend meetings or conduct business related to the task force.

((J.)) K. The executive and council shall jointly provide staffing and resources to effectively support the work of the task force and its outreach activities.