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Attachments:	

1 ..Title

2 A MOTION related to immigration, refugees and the
3 freedom to travel; condemning the related Executive Order
4 issued by the President on January 27, 2017.

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6 WHEREAS according to the 2015 American Community Survey conducted by
7 the United States Census Bureau, King County is home to almost four hundred fifty
8 thousand foreign-born residents from every corner of the world, and

9 WHEREAS, in an effort to protect the constitutional rights of all persons King
10 County required in Ordinance 16692 adopted in 2009 that county services must be
11 provided without being conditioned on an individual's citizenship or immigration status,
12 and

13 WHEREAS, in 2015, King County established the immigrant and refugee task
14 force so the county can better serve its immigrant and refugee communities, including
15 many who have come to King County because they have been persecuted or feared they
16 would be persecuted on account of race, religion, nationality, or membership in a
17 particular social or political group, and

18 WHEREAS, the first amendment of the United States Constitution states that
19 "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the
20 free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of

21 the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of
22 grievances". and

23 WHEREAS, Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 states that no person can
24 be "discriminated against in the issuance of an immigrant visa because of the person's
25 race, sex, nationality, place of birth or place of residence," and

26 WHEREAS, at 4:42 p.m. EST, Friday, January 27, 2017, President Donald J.
27 Trump issued an executive order titled "Protecting the Nation From Foreign Terrorist
28 Entry Into the United States," and

29 WHEREAS, hundreds of people were detained at airports across the United States
30 by federal agencies effectuating the executive order, and

31 WHEREAS, up to thirteen people were detained in King County at Sea-Tac
32 International Airport on January 28, 2017, by the United States Customs and Border
33 Protection services in the enforcement of the afore mentioned executive order, and

34 WHEREAS, on January 28, 2017, United States Federal District Judge Ann
35 Donnelly issued a decision and order concluding that there is a "strong likelihood of
36 success in establishing that the removal of the petitioner and others similarly situated
37 violates their rights to Due Process and Equal Protection guaranteed by the United States
38 Constitution", and enjoining President Trump and other federal officers from "removing
39 individuals with refugee applications approved by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration
40 Services as part of the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, holders of valid immigrant and
41 non-immigrant visas, and other individuals from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Sudan, Libya, Somalia,
42 and Yemen legally authorized to enter the United States," and

43 WHEREAS, it is the duty of King County council to protect the constitutional
44 rights of every person in King County regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity,
45 sexual orientation, country of origin, religious faith or immigration status;

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

47 It is the policy of King County that the Executive Order issued by President
48 Donald J. Trump on 4:42 p.m. EST, Friday January 27, 2017, is hereby condemned as
49 discriminatory, unconstitutional and contrary to the county's adopted principles and
50 ordinances, as well as the Constitution and laws we as a council have sworn to support.

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