



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**Resolution 21-03**

**Proposed No. 21-03.2**

**Sponsors**

1                   A RESOLUTION calling for prompt, independent  
2                   review of allegations about institutional racism at Seattle  
3                   Children’s Hospital.

4                   WHEREAS, on June 18, 2020, the King County Board of Health adopted Resolution 20-  
5 08 declaring racism a public health crisis and committing to work to advance a public health  
6 approach in addressing institutional and systemic racism, and

7                   WHEREAS, Resolution 20-08 committed to being responsive to communities and  
8 residents impacted by racism, especially Black and Indigenous communities, and

9                   WHEREAS, Seattle Children's Hospital is an integral and critical component of  
10 collaborative and coordinated endeavors to identify and address the highest-priority community  
11 and public health needs in King County, as evidenced by the King County 2018/2019 Community  
12 Health Needs Assessment, Seattle Children's Hospital's 2019 Community Health Assessment and  
13 Seattle Children's Hospital's 2020-2022 Community Health Implementation Strategies, and

14                   WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health recognizes Dr. Ben Danielson as a  
15 knowledgeable, objective and credible authority on community and public health, health  
16 inequities and the challenges posed by poverty, race and racism, and

17                   WHEREAS, following extensive community outcry, Seattle Children's Hospital  
18 announced on January 15, 2021, the convening of an independent, external assessment of Seattle  
19 Children's race, equity, inclusion and diversity policies and practices, and

20                   WHEREAS, the King County Board of Health is concerned about allegations made by  
21 Dr. Danielson and others of racism at Seattle Children's Hospital;

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22           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King County:  
23           The King County Board of Health endorses the prompt investigation of allegations of  
24 racism at Seattle Children's Hospital, convened and overseen by an independent and external  
25 entity, and including representation of external stakeholders. The King County Board of Health  
26 calls on Seattle Children's Hospital to engage the community in the investigation. King County  
27 Board of Health calls on Seattle Children's Hospital to lift restrictions associated with  
28 nondisclosure agreements to facilitate the investigations recommended in this resolution. The  
29 Board of Health calls on Seattle Children's Hospital and on all health care organizations in King

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30 County to identify and address racism in all its forms within their policies, procedures or  
31 practices.  
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Resolution was introduced on and passed as amended by the Board of Health on 1/21/2021, by the following vote:

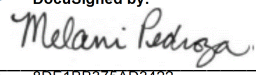
Yes: 13 - Mr. Baker, Dr. Daniell, Dr. Delecki, Ms. Honda, Ms. Kohl-Welles, Mr. McDermott, Ms. Mosqueda, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Morales and Mr. Zahilay

KING COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Joe McDermott, Chair

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Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Board

**Attachments:** None