

## Dembowski's Equity and Social Justice Legislation and Reforms

- Introducing legislation to sponsor civilian oversight charter reforms for Sheriff's Office.
- Co-sponsored the ordinance that placed [a charter amendment on the ballot in 2015 that strengthened OLEO's authorities](#), and authored a key provision of the amendment to place negotiating authority for oversight with the County Executive, rather than with the Sheriff.
- Only Councilmember to [publicly object to new sheriff's contract not including use of force investigatory authority](#).
- Supports charter amendment for subpoena power to Office of Law Enforcement Oversight.
- Supports charter amendment for appointed Sheriff with [strong community input](#).
- Authored an [op-ed with Seattle City Council President Harrell on the failures of the Children and Family Justice Center](#) and called for a rethinking of the design and plan of the youth jail.
- Collaborated with [communities and stakeholders to push for design alternatives to the Children and Family Justice Center to consider innovative models for responding to youth in crisis](#).
- Banned the use of [solitary confinement for youth in detention in King County](#).
- Led [budget initiative](#) to invest in community bail reform.
- Partnered with Councilmember Larry Gossett to expand the County's civil rights work with the formation of a new [King County Human and Civil Rights Commission](#).
- Included subpoena power in enhanced [Human and Civil Rights Commission](#) authority.
- Sponsored the [King County Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation Inclusion Task Force](#), to develop a recommended countywide inclusion strategy and work plan to help ensure that all people are accurately and respectfully recognized and served.
- [Unfurled the first ever pride flag from the King County Courthouse](#).
- Founded a nationwide effort to build a coalition of county officials, resulting in [69 county officials from 37 jurisdictions across the U.S., submitting a letter to Congress calling on national leaders to swiftly and comprehensively address the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program](#).
- Partnered with [Councilmember Larry Gossett to create a King County Immigrant and Refugee Commission](#) to integrate, strengthen, and value immigrants and refugees and uphold the county's commitment as a welcoming community.
- Passed legislation requiring the creation of an implementation plan for the [2020 Census to ensure the complete](#) count of all King County residents prioritizing those considered Hard-to-Count
- Secured [\\$780,000 in funding for the Response, Awareness, De-escalation and Referral \(RADAR\) program](#), which builds a bridge between law enforcement and mental health professionals when responding to incidents involving individuals who are experiencing a mental health crisis, suffering from substance abuse, or struggling with homelessness, connecting them to the proper services.

- Ran an amendment to provide the [Department of Public Defense with the independence needed to be able to advocate for system reforms in the criminal justice system.](#)
- Co-sponsored legislation that prevents the use of [County funds and resources to aid federal immigration enforcement and protects immigrants and refugees who seek services from the County.](#)
- Authored legislation creating the [Ruth Woo Emerging Leaders Fellowship](#). This year-long fellowship annually places five recent college graduates from disadvantaged backgrounds in various county agencies for periods of three to four months at a time.
- [Commemorated Gordon Hirabayashi](#), for his conscientious resistance to the unjust, forced removal of Japanese American citizens, with the installation of a plaque just steps away from where he was incarcerated for nine months in the King County jail
- Served on the Harborview Leadership Group to ensure Harborview's mission population is prioritized to receive quality care and services in the next bond's capital recommendations.