



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

December 20, 2010

Resolution 10-09

Proposed No. 10-09.2

Sponsors

1 A RESOLUTION calling on the state of Washington to
2 provide dedicated and long-term financing so local public
3 health jurisdictions can protect and improve the health of
4 all community residents, and preserve funding for
5 community health services so that Washington's most
6 vulnerable residents can access the health care they need.

7 WHEREAS, strong public health jurisdictions protect and improve the health of
8 all Washington state residents, and

9 WHEREAS, there is a continued to need to protect people from communicable
10 diseases and other health threats, and

11 WHEREAS, Washington state residents are dying early from preventable chronic
12 diseases such as diabetes and heart disease, resulting from underlying causes including
13 tobacco use, poor nutrition and physical inactivity, and

14 WHEREAS, local and state funding for public health jurisdictions is eroding and
15 compromising public health's ability to respond to critical health issues, and

16 WHEREAS, Washington state is considering the elimination or reduction of
17 critically important community and clinical health programs that impact men, women and
18 children with the most needs, and

19 WHEREAS, the elimination of reduction of these community and clinical health
20 programs will disproportionately affect people of color and immigrants and result in
21 higher emergency health care costs, and

22 WHEREAS, Washington state also is considering reducing flexible funding for
23 local health jurisdictions that would jeopardize Public Health's ability to serve local
24 community needs, and

25 WHEREAS, as Washington state looks toward the 2014 implementation of health
26 care reform and expansion of coverage, the importance of prevention and public health
27 strategies to first control and then reduce the cost of medical care becomes increasingly
28 crucial, and

29 WHEREAS, as Washington state prepares for the expansion of coverage through
30 health care reform, coverage should be maintained for vulnerable populations

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of King
32 County:

33 A. The Board of Health calls on the state of Washington to provide dedicated
34 long-term flexible financing for local public health statewide and to prioritize prevention
35 and wellness programs that keep people healthy and prevent health care costs;

36 B. The Board of Health calls on the state of Washington to preserve funding for
37 community and clinical health programs that serve Washington's most vulnerable
38 residents;

39 C. The Board of Health calls on King County, the city of Seattle and other cities
40 in King County to pass legislation to place public health financing as a top priority on
41 their state legislative agendas;

42 D. The Board of Health requests that the state legislature not reduce the Federally
43 Qualified Health Center reimbursement rate; and

44 E. The Board of Health requests that the funding and legislative committee

45 forward to the board a set of principles that the board and others can use in advocating for
46 public health funding, prevention, and state or national healthcare reform.

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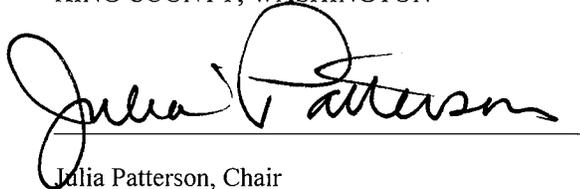
Resolution 10-09 was introduced on and passed as amended by the Board of Health on 12/16/2010, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Hutchinson, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Licata, Ms. Clark, Dr. Nicola and Ms. Manning

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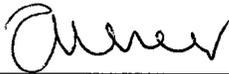
Excused: 4 - Ms. Frisinger, Mr. Conlin, Dr. Danielson and Mr. McDermott

BOARD OF HEALTH
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: None