



*Supporting health & human
services in North King County*

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To our partner organizations:

On behalf of the North Urban Human Services Alliance (NUHSA), we are writing to express our strong support for King County Council's Motion 16848, which reaffirms King County's commitment to welcoming and actively supporting immigrants and refugees. This motion is a testament to the values of inclusivity, equity, and justice that our community holds dear.

As highlighted in the motion, King County is home to a diverse population of approximately 586,000 foreign-born residents, who contribute significantly to the cultural richness and economic vitality of our region.

The motion addresses the challenges faced by many immigrant residents, including those who are unable to obtain lawful permanent residence or live in mixed-status families. These individuals are often vulnerable to discrimination, hate crimes, racial profiling, and deportation. It is imperative that King County continues to provide fair and equal access to services, opportunities, and protection for all residents, regardless of their origins or immigration status.

We commend the council for its ongoing efforts to support immigrant and refugee communities through various ordinances and initiatives. These actions demonstrate a commitment to creating a welcoming, safe, and hate-free environment for all.

Furthermore, we fully support the council's intent to consider legislation that ensures no county resources are used to enforce federal immigration laws that target residents based on race, religion, immigration, or citizenship status. Their proposed measures to enhance outreach, provide timely and accurate information, and increase staffing for the office of equity and racial and social justice are crucial steps towards achieving these goals.

We respectfully request our partner organizations and local jurisdictions join us in supporting the county's efforts to protect immigrant communities. It is essential that we stand together to ensure that no efforts to discriminate, harass, or imprison our immigrant neighbors are tolerated. By fostering inclusion, meaningful participation, and economic opportunity for all, we can build a stronger, more resilient community. In conclusion, we urge the council to continue its dedication to supporting immigrants and refugees in King County, and we call upon our partners and communities to band together to protect our vulnerable residents. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to equity and justice.

Sincerely,

Heidi Shepherd and Sarah Arndt
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