

Resolution in Support of King County Proposition 1, the King County Crisis Care Levy

Whereas our community is experiencing an unprecedented level of behavioral health issues ranging from substance abuse through depression, anxiety, and other mental health issues; and

Whereas there is currently only one (1) 46-bed crisis center that provides walk-in, short-term crisis stabilization care to the 2.3 million residents of King County¹; and

Whereas more than one-third of the community-based residential treatment beds available in 2018 are no longer available; and

Whereas job vacancies at community behavioral health agencies have doubled since 2019; and

Whereas passage of this levy will directly benefit our neighbors and community by increasing the availability of behavioral health services,

Therefore be it resolved that the First District Democrats support passage of King County Proposition 1 also known as Ordinance 19572² (the 2023 King County Crisis Care Centers Levy).

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Approved by membership at the 2-22-2023 General Meeting.

¹ <https://www.realchangenews.org/news/2022/12/28/king-county-measure-would-put-125-bn-over-decade-toward-behavioral-health-crises>

² <https://kingcounty.gov/~media/depts/elections/how-to-vote/ballots/whats-on-the-ballot/ballot-measures/202304/king-county>