

October 21, 1996  
Clerk Amend. 10/21/96

Introduced By: Jane Hague

Proposed No.: 96-902

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A MOTION concerning the appointment of an interim ombudsman\director of citizen complaints and calling for an independent audit of the Office of Citizen Complaints.

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy in the position of ombudsman\director of citizen complaints, and

WHEREAS, the council wishes to undergo a thorough search for a permanent director, and

WHEREAS, the office of citizen complaints\tax advisor needs supervision during the period of time of that search will occur, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to K.C.C. 2.52.050, pending the appointment of a new director, the council may appoint an interim director, and

WHEREAS, Don Eklund, the King County Auditor, is uniquely suited by virtue of his position as manager of the auditor's office to temporarily manage the office of citizen complaints\tax advisor, and

WHEREAS, even prior to the removal of the Ombudsman, the Office of Citizen Complaints recently lost two of its more senior staff, and

WHEREAS, in light of concerns about the performance of the previous director and the ability of the office to effectively serve the public,

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King

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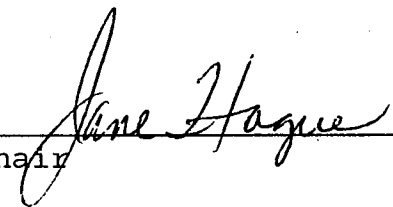
1. Don Eklund is appointed interim ombudsman\director of citizen complaints to serve until an interim ombudsman\director is selected by the council.

2. The United States Ombudsman Association will be requested to perform a performance and management audit of the King County Office of Citizen Complaints and give recommendations to the Council.


PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of

October, 1996.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of the Council

Attachments: