



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

June 17, 2003

Motion 11728

Proposed No. 2003-0200.1

Sponsors Constantine and Hague

1 A MOTION approving the Homeland Security Policy
2 Statement for King County Government.
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5 WHEREAS, in the aftermath of September 11, 2001, King County government
6 has expanded its emergency preparedness activities to include a comprehensive and
7 regional approach to homeland security, and

8 WHEREAS, King County government has been a leader and a participant with its
9 regional partners in critical homeland security areas such as threat and risk assessment,
10 communications interoperability and mutual aid agreements, and

11 WHEREAS, King County developed the attached policy statement regarding
12 homeland security;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

14 The King County council hereby approves the Homeland Security Policy

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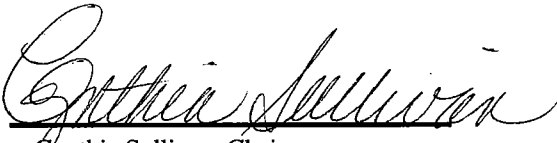
15 Statement for King County Government, embodied in Attachment A to this motion, and
16 hereby authorizes the activities described in Attachment A to this motion.

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Motion 11728 was introduced on 5/5/2003 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/16/2003, by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Hammond, Ms. Hague and Mr. Irons
No: 0
Excused: 2 - Mr. Gossett and Ms. Patterson

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments A. Homeland Security Policy Statement for King County Government

ATTACHMENT A**Homeland Security
Policy Statement for King County Government**

It is the policy of King County that resources devoted to Homeland Security should be in the areas of:

- Protecting the health, safety, and welfare of all King County government employees and the people who live, work, and visit King County.
- Protecting continuity of core government functions.
- Protecting the County's critical infrastructure including information technology, critical government structures, wastewater treatment facilities, and transportation systems.

In carrying out these policy objectives, King County will:

1. Enhance the safety and security of County government employees, facilities and resources:
 - Each County department and elected office will identify and prioritize its mission-critical functions, systems and resources.
 - Each County department and elected office will develop or update all-hazard safety and security plans for each of its facilities and will provide training to staff. The Facilities Management Division will provide technical support and the Office of Emergency Management will provide coordination support to departments and elected offices during this process.
 - Each County department and elected office will review its print and electronic information to determine whether any specific items meet the criteria, relating to terrorism, for exemption from public disclosure as defined in RCW 42.17. All data meeting the exemption requirements from public disclosure shall be restricted from public access. The Prosecuting Attorney's Office will provide technical assistance regarding steps necessary to comply with state statutes regarding public access to information.
 - King County policy-makers will pursue state legislation that appropriately balances the public's right to information with homeland security concerns.

2. Provide timely and appropriate information to employees and the general public:
 - Utilizing the National Homeland Security Advisory System as a guide, each County department and elected office will develop specific tasks that its staff will implement to protect mission-critical functions, systems, and resources in response to terrorist threats or attacks. The level of protection will be increased as the threat level increases.
3. Communicate and coordinate with other local, regional, state, federal and private agencies prior to and during terrorist incidents affecting King County:
 - For all County departments and elected offices, the Sheriff's Office will serve as the primary source of information and confirmation of terrorist threats affecting King County.
 - The Office of Emergency Management will notify Emergency Operations Center representatives, the Line of Succession, and other jurisdictions of terrorist threats after confirmation is received from the Sheriff's Office.
4. Use the King County Regional Disaster Plan as the instrument for joint planning efforts among all regional partners:
 - King County government, in coordination with regional partners, will develop a plan for defining, identifying, prioritizing, and protecting critical infrastructure systems that affect the health, safety and welfare of King County residents. The County definition of critical infrastructure must be consistent with the state definition.
 - A working group, facilitated by the Office of Emergency Management, will be established with representation by all County departments and elected offices to develop the County critical infrastructure plan. Initial tasks of this group will include, for each department and elected office, listing its mission and purpose, defining and prioritizing essential government functions mandated by law, identifying and prioritizing functions that directly relate to preservation of public health, safety and welfare, and identifying and prioritizing functions that are essential to achieving the stated mission.
5. Maximize the use of mutual aid agreements, unified coordination, and interoperability with regional partners within King County and jurisdictions outside the County.
6. Seek all available federal and state Homeland Security resources to bolster the County's ability to prevent and respond to acts of terrorism:
 - Pursue funding for Homeland Security initiatives.