



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**April 19, 2004**

**Motion 11904**

**Proposed No.** 2004-0221.1

**Sponsors** Patterson, Lambert, Phillips,  
Gossett, Edmonds, Ferguson,  
Constantine, Pelz, von Reichbauer  
and Hague

1                   A MOTION accepting the final report of the commission  
2                   on governance and thanking the members of the  
3                   commission for outstanding service to the citizens of King  
4                   County.

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7                   WHEREAS, the metropolitan King County council adopted Ordinance 14514  
8                   creating the King County commission on governance to examine and make  
9                   recommendations on the portfolio of services, operations and structure of the county,  
10                  including:

11                  1. Whether or not the service areas historically funded by the current expense  
12                  fund should be provided to the public by King County;

13                  2. How each of the current expense service areas should be provided to ensure  
14                  long-term efficiency and accountability on the part of King County;

15                  3. How each of the current expense service areas should be paid for by King  
16                  County to ensure adequate long-term funding; and

17           4. How the county's governance structure and governance policies should be  
18 changed, if at all; and

19           WHEREAS the members of the commission represented a variety of professional  
20 backgrounds, opinions and geographical areas within King County, and

21           WHEREAS, the commission held a series of twenty-six regular working meetings  
22 and two community forums to collect information, receive public testimony, discuss  
23 ideas and develop recommendations, and

24           WHEREAS, the commission conducted a thoughtful analysis of human services  
25 issues and the challenges associated with providing such services in the region, and

26           WHEREAS, the commission conducted a thorough review of the county's law,  
27 safety and justice system, and

28           WHEREAS, the commission conducted a detailed appraisal of various  
29 management issues, including organizational structures, labor management policies,  
30 service delivery systems and financial management practices, among others, and

31           WHEREAS, the commission conducted a comprehensive review of the county's  
32 governance system, structures and policies, including a comparative analysis with other  
33 jurisdictions around the country, and

34           WHEREAS, the commission has, after extensive research and deliberation,  
35 provided the county with numerous recommendations for improvements ranging from  
36 broad themes to specific changes, and

37           WHEREAS, the members of the commission were selfless in their commitment  
38 and tireless in their effort to identify issues, research options and develop solutions for

39 the betterment of King County government and as a public service to the citizens King  
40 County, and

41 WHEREAS, the commission on governance transmitted their final report to the  
42 Metropolitan King County Council on March 31, 2004, and

43 WHEREAS, the council shall review the recommendations and consider the most  
44 appropriate methods for implementation, whether through changes to internal county  
45 processes, adopting legislation or new policies, referring potential charter amendments to  
46 a vote of the public, advocating for changes to state law or federal regulations or working  
47 to build coalitions to improve or modify existing systems that involve multiple  
48 jurisdictions;

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

50 That we accept the final report of the commission on governance and thank Dave  
51 Gering, co-chair, Steve Goldblatt, co-chair, Richard Bonewits, Richard Derham, Mark  
52 Endresen, Arun Jhaveri, Sharon Maeda, Jim Montgomery, Bill Ptacek, Kathleen L. Royer  
53 and Steve Williamson for their outstanding service to the citizens of King County. The

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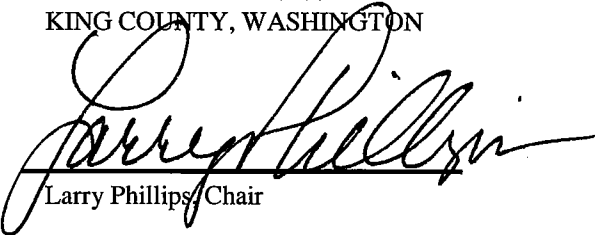
54 council also thanks Berk & Associates for their outstanding work to provide professional  
55 facilitation and research services to the commission.

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Motion 11904 was introduced on 4/19/2004 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/19/2004, by the following vote:

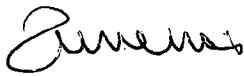
Yes: 13 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments**      None