



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 8, 2004

Motion 11991

Proposed No. 2004-0432.2

Sponsors Edmonds

1 A MOTION responding to the report of the citizens'
2 advisory commission on homeless encampments and
3 asking the executive to submit proposed policies for siting
4 and permitting homeless encampments as well as
5 recommendations regarding longer term steps for ending
6 homelessness.

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9 WHEREAS, King County council Ordinance 14922 adopted on June 1, 2004,
10 created the citizens' advisory commission on homeless encampments to make
11 recommendations to the executive and council regarding the need for homeless
12 encampments and policies and procedures for locating encampments, including analyses
13 of the issues and options involved in using publicly and privately owned sites, and

14 WHEREAS, the eighteen voting and four advisory members of the citizens'
15 advisory commission on homeless encampments were appointed by the executive and
16 confirmed by the council on June 14, 2004, and

17 WHEREAS, the citizens' advisory commission on homeless encampments
18 completed its work and transmitted its written report to the council on August 13, 2004,
19 and

20 WHEREAS, the co-chairs of the citizens' advisory commission on homeless
21 encampments presented and discussed the commission's recommendations to the
22 council's committee-of-the-whole on September 7, 2004, and

23 WHEREAS, the commission found that homeless encampments are not a long
24 term means of solving homelessness but rather one piece of evidence of the failure to
25 adequately address and end the problem of homelessness, and

26 WHEREAS, the majority of the commission agreed that homeless encampments
27 are currently a necessary expedient, given the continuing and growing lack of access to
28 regular, stable housing, and

29 WHEREAS, the commission's recommendations include some policy and
30 procedural guidelines for siting encampments, mitigating their impacts on surrounding
31 areas and assuring basic health and safety, and

32 WHEREAS, the commission's policy and procedure recommendations may have
33 operational implications for county and city governments, and

34 WHEREAS, the Committee to End Homelessness in King County is completing a
35 plan this fall to end homelessness within ten years and will be seeking county, city and
36 community support to implement significant improvements in housing and services;

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

38 A. Based on review of the recommendations of the citizens' advisory commission
39 on homeless encampments and alternative viewpoints expressed by members of the

40 commission, the executive is requested to develop and submit, by October 28, 2004, for
41 council review and approval, proposed policies for siting and permitting homeless
42 encampments, noting what agencies will be responsible for implementation and what
43 costs and impacts, if any, these agencies project, and

44 B. The executive is requested to submit recommendations to the council
45 regarding how the county will take significant steps to help reduce homelessness, with
46 particular emphasis on those vulnerable populations for which the county has service
47 responsibilities. These recommendations shall be developed in accord with and response
48 to the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness soon to be completed by the Committee to End

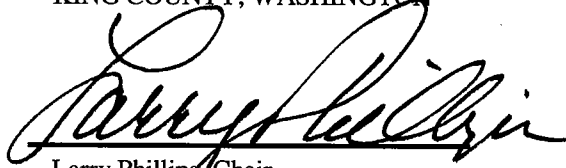
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49 Homelessness in King County and submitted for council review and approval within
50 ninety days of completion of the 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness.
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Motion 11991 was introduced on 9/7/2004 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/7/2004, by the following vote:

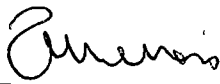
Yes: 11 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Pelz, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine
No: 1 - Ms. Lambert
Excused: 1 - Mr. McKenna

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None