



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

October 26, 2004

Motion 12030

Proposed No. 2004-0491.1

Sponsors Pelz, Lambert, Hammond,
Patterson, Constantine, Edmonds,
Gossett, Ferguson, Hague, Phillips
and McKenna

1 A MOTION declaring the King County council's
2 opposition to the November 2004 Ballot Measure Initiative
3 892, which would authorize licensed gambling
4 establishments to operate electronic scratch ticket
5 machines.

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8 WHEREAS, Initiative 892 would legalize electronic scratch ticket machines at
9 restaurants, taverns, bowling alleys and other establishments, and

10 WHEREAS, legalizing electronic scratch ticket machines would result in a near
11 doubling of the amount of gambling in Washington state, and

12 WHEREAS, gambling expansion results in increased government and social costs
13 to address theft, bankruptcy, homelessness, addictions, child neglect and domestic
14 violence, and

15 WHEREAS, gambling expansion harms the poor, women and people of color in
16 disproportionate numbers, and

17 WHEREAS, Initiative 892 would override local laws restricting gambling and
18 allow slot machines even in cities that have chosen to ban casinos, such as Seattle,
19 Bellevue and Bothell, and

20 WHEREAS, Initiative 892 would allow slot machines in bars and restaurants
21 which do not currently host casinos, thus bringing gambling to neighborhoods where
22 such intense gambling is currently not permitted, and

23 WHEREAS, the highest priority of state government is to protect its citizens;

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

25 The metropolitan King County council supports the preservation of local control
26 of gambling in King County; and

27 The metropolitan King County council is opposed to Initiative 892 and urges

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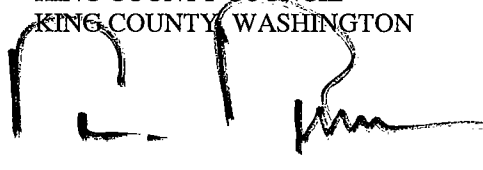
28 voters of King County to cast their ballots against the measure at the election on
29 November 2, 2004.

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Motion 12030 was introduced on 10/18/2004 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 10/25/2004, by the following vote:

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

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None