



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

March 29, 2005

Motion 12096

Proposed No. 2005-0103.2

Sponsors Patterson, Lambert, Ferguson,
Edmonds and Phillips

1 A MOTION identifying essential election reform measures
2 for King County support in the Washington state
3 legislature.

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6 WHEREAS, the closest gubernatorial election in state history revealed the need
7 for structural, procedural and financial changes to Washington state election process, and

8 WHEREAS, Washington state has the latest primary election in the nation,
9 placing it very close to the general election, and

10 WHEREAS, the close timing of the primary and general elections do not provide
11 adequate time for elections officials and staff throughout the state to certify the primary
12 election and prepare for the general election, particularly in close election contests, and

13 WHEREAS, state law also does not provide adequate time for elections officials
14 and staff throughout the state to certify general elections, and

15 WHEREAS, allowing more time for certification of elections would reduce the
16 opportunities for errors, particularly in close election contests, and

17 WHEREAS, the state of Washington does not reimburse counties for its
18 proportionate share of even-year election costs, and

19 WHEREAS, the elections in Washington state would benefit from standardized
20 processes for canvassing boards;

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

22 King County shall support the following changes in Washington state law:

23 A. The state's primary election should be moved to an earlier date;

24 B. The time for certifying primary and special elections should be extended from
25 ten to fifteen days;

26 C. The time for certifying general elections should be extended from fifteen days
27 to twenty days;

28 D. The state should reimburse counties for the state's share of even-year election

29 costs; and

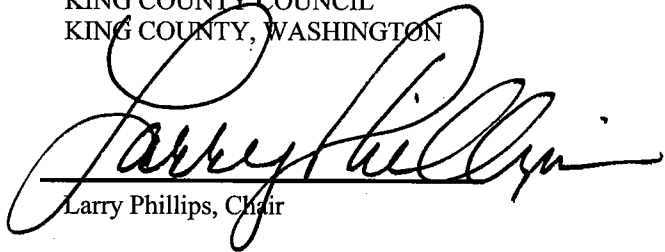
30 E. The state should allow counties to decide to conduct all mail elections.

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Motion 12096 was introduced on 3/7/2005 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/28/2005, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pelz, Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine
No: 3 - Mr. Dunn, Mr. Hammond and Mr. Irons
Excused: 1 - Mr. von Reichbauer

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None