



**Signature Report**

**December 5, 2006**

**Motion 12402**

**Proposed No.** 2006-0577.1

**Sponsors** Constantine, Phillips, Gossett,  
Hague and Patterson

1           A MOTION supporting efforts to end the genocide in the  
2           Darfur region of Sudan and urging the United States and  
3           the United Nations to implement U.N. Resolution 1706,  
4           which would authorize an international peacekeeping force  
5           in Darfur to stop the killing, rape and destruction of  
6           villages while assuring that humanitarian relief reaches  
7           those in need.

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10           WHEREAS, in Darfur, Sudan, an estimated four hundred thousand innocent  
11           civilians have been murdered, and more than two and one-half million people have been  
12           forced from their homes and now live in refugee camps or abroad, and

13           WHEREAS on June 24, 2004, the Committee on Conscience of the United States  
14           Holocaust Memorial Museum declared a "genocide emergency" in Sudan, and

15           WHEREAS, on July 22, 2004, the United States Congress passed resolutions  
16           declaring genocide in Darfur, Sudan, and

17 WHEREAS, on January 25, 2005, the United Nations Commission of Inquiry  
18 declared that, "government forces and militias conducted indiscriminate attacks,  
19 including killing of civilians, torture, enforced disappearances, destruction of villages,  
20 rape and other forms of sexual violence, pillaging and forced displacement, throughout  
21 Darfur. These acts were conducted on a widespread and systematic basis . . . The vast  
22 majority of the victims of all of these violations have been from the Fur, Zaghawa,  
23 Massalit, Jebel, Aranga and other so-called 'African' tribes," and

24 WHEREAS, on March 2, 2005, Senator Sam Brownback and Senator (now  
25 Governor) Jon Corzine introduced the Darfur Accountability Act, reiterating "that the  
26 atrocities taking place in Darfur are genocide" and calling for various measures that  
27 would serve as vital steps in bringing an end to the genocide, and

28 WHEREAS, relief workers from our region are risking their lives to provide aid  
29 to the millions who have been displaced in Darfur, and

30 WHEREAS, as representatives of the nearly two million people of King County,  
31 many of whose families came to this country to escape war and oppression, we have a  
32 particular responsibility to speak out against injustice on behalf of vulnerable and  
33 disenfranchised people whether within King County or across the globe;

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

35 The King County council calls upon the United States and the United Nations as  
36 leaders of the international community to immediately implement U.N. Resolution 1706

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37 authorizing an international peacekeeping force in Darfur to stop the killing, rape and  
38 destruction of villages while assuring that humanitarian relief reaches those in need.  
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Motion 12402 was introduced on 11/20/2006 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 12/4/2006, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr.  
Constantine and Ms. Patterson


No: 0

Excused: 2 - Mr. Phillips and Mr. von Reichbauer

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments      None