



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**December 12, 2006**

**Motion 12425**

**Proposed No.** 2006-0596.1

**Sponsors** Gossett

1           A MOTION to extend the interim appointment of James J.  
2           Buck as the director of the records, elections and licensing  
3           services division of the department of executive services  
4           for a sixty-day period.

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7           WHEREAS, on July 17, 2006, James J. Buck was appointed as the interim  
8           director of the records, elections and licensing services division ("REALS") of the  
9           department of executive services pursuant to K.C.C. 2.16.110 E.1, and

10           WHEREAS, an offer of employment for REALS director was offered to a  
11           candidate in August 2006 and negotiations ensued into September, ultimately resulting in  
12           nonacceptance by the candidate, and

13           WHEREAS, the primary election occurred on September 19, 2006, and

14           WHEREAS, King County elections made preparations for the November 7  
15           general election immediately following certification of the primary election, and

16           WHEREAS, elections officials throughout the nation prepared and administered  
17           the November general election in the months of October and November 2006, and

18 WHEREAS, the availability or ability of candidates with the requisite skills and  
19 experience to be the REALS director during this time period is virtually nonexistent, and

20 WHEREAS, the executive and the department of executive services hereby  
21 certify that they are currently engaged in a competitive search process for the position,  
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23 WHEREAS, King County has contracted with the Waldron Company to provide  
24 recruitment services for the REALS director position, and

25 WHEREAS, the continuity of leadership in King County elections is a necessary  
26 ingredient in preparing and administering successful elections, during the pendency of  
27 recruitment efforts, and

28 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the county and its citizens and is critical to  
29 the effective running of the records, elections and licensing services division that Mr.  
30 Buck continue serving in the interim while the search for qualified candidates for the  
31 position has been concluded, and

32 WHEREAS, the initial appointment of James J. Buck as the interim director is  
33 limited to one hundred fifty days pursuant to K.C.C. 2.16.110 E.1, and

34 WHEREAS, the one-hundred-fifty-day maximum initial appointment duration  
35 will expire after December 13, 2006, and

36 WHEREAS, pursuant to K.C.C. 2.16.110 E.1, the county council shall grant at  
37 least one successive sixty-day extension of the interim appointment;

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

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39 James J. Buck shall continue to serve as the interim director for the records,  
40 elections and licensing services division of the department of executive services for an  
41 additional sixty days while the search for, and placement of, a new director is completed.  
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Motion 12425 was introduced on 12/11/2006 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 12/11/2006, by the following vote:

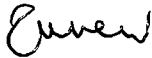
Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr.  
Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Constantine and Ms. Patterson  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments**      None