



Signature Report

October 2, 2007

Motion 12587

Proposed No. 2007-0482.1

Sponsors Hague

1 A MOTION requesting the executive to establish a process
2 by which parks expansion levy projects will be developed,
3 reviewed and recommended to the King County council.
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5 WHEREAS, the citizens of King County recently approved the parks expansion
6 levy ballot measure, and

7 WHEREAS, the parks expansion levy will be collected for six years, beginning in
8 January 2008, as a dedicated portion of the property tax, and

9 WHEREAS, parks expansion levy funds are to be used in accordance with
10 Ordinance 15760, in part for the purpose of acquiring open space and natural lands
11 critical to the preservation of regional watersheds and streams, development of rights of
12 way for regional trails, missing critical links and maximization of regional trail use by
13 King County, Seattle and suburban cities, and

14 WHEREAS, conservation futures tax funds are collected countywide as a
15 dedicated portion of the property tax, and

16 WHEREAS, conservation futures tax funds are to be used in accordance with
17 K.C.C. 26.12.010 for the purpose of acquiring open space lands, including green spaces,

18 greenbelts, wildlife habitat and trail rights-of-way for the preservation of public use by
19 either the county or the cities within the county, and

20 WHEREAS, conservation futures tax funds and parks expansion levy funds are
21 similar in their objectives to preserve open space and natural lands, and

22 WHEREAS, the process for developing, reviewing and recommending potential
23 conservation futures tax projects is outlined in K.C.C. 26.12.010, and

24 WHEREAS, the process for developing, reviewing and recommending potential
25 conservation futures tax projects is transparent and accessible to the public, stakeholder
26 groups, government agencies and officials, and

27 WHEREAS, the process by which parks expansion levy projects will be
28 developed, reviewed and recommended to the council has not been identified or
29 established, and

30 WHEREAS, the parks expansion levy program could benefit from the successful
31 processes developed for the conservation futures tax program, and

32 WHEREAS, the parks levy expansion program will be overseen by the parks and
33 recreation division, and

34 WHEREAS, the conservation futures tax program is overseen by the water and
35 land resources division, and

36 WHEREAS, the parks expansion levy program and conservation futures tax
37 program could maximize their objectives through coordination and communication
38 regarding open space and natural lands acquisitions;

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

40 The county executive is requested to develop a process by which parks expansion
41 levy projects will be developed, reviewed and recommended for council approval. The
42 process shall be transparent and accessible to the public, stakeholder groups, government
43 agencies and officials. The process shall include coordination and communication with
44 the conservation futures tax program to maximize the objectives of open space and
45 natural lands acquisitions by King County, Seattle and suburban cities. The county
46 executive is requested to develop this process for implementation in 2008 with approval,

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47 by motion, by the council. The motion identifying this process shall be filed with the
48 clerk of the council by December 15, 2007.

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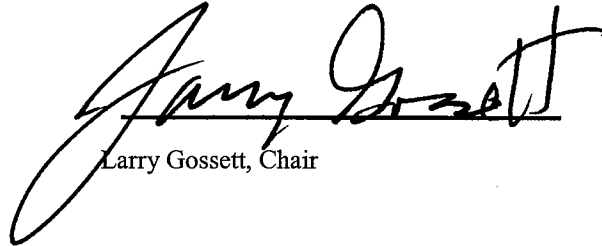
Motion 12587 was introduced on 9/17/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 10/1/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine

No: 0

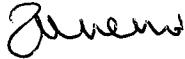
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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None