



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**February 26, 2008**

**Motion 12709**

**Proposed No.** 2008-0081.2

**Sponsors** Gossett

1                   A MOTION relating to the review process for the 2008  
2                   King County Comprehensive Plan update.

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4                   WHEREAS, historically, the approach taken for the review of major updates to  
5                   the King County Comprehensive Plan has been to utilize other standing committees to  
6                   perform panel reviews of specific chapters and issues and to make recommendations to  
7                   the growth management and natural resources committee ("the committee"), and

8                   WHEREAS, that practice ensured that those committees with the staff expertise in  
9                   specific subject areas were utilized in the review of the update and report staff findings to  
10                  those other standing committees, and

11                  WHEREAS, as a result of this approach, the ability of the committee to  
12                  coordinate changes to often interrelated policies across the various chapters was  
13                  impaired, and

14                  WHEREAS, because review of the draft proposed Comprehensive Plan update  
15                  indicates much more interconnectedness of policies than in the past Comprehensive  
16                  Plans, the ability to follow the linkages and ensure internal consistency will be  
17                  increasingly important, and

18 WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan update manager is a newly created position  
19 and provides a unique opportunity to utilize a more effective and unified approach to the  
20 review of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan update, and

21 WHEREAS, all council members, for the purposes of reviewing the  
22 Comprehensive Plan are voting members of the committee, and

23 WHEREAS, to underscore the broad policy impacts that the Comprehensive Plan  
24 has on all facets of county business and to centralize all aspects of the Comprehensive  
25 Plan review in the committee to ensure a complete and coordinated review of the  
26 interrelated policies the committee should manage all aspects of the review (e.g.  
27 coordinating the reviews, managing the schedule and applicable policy staff, handling the  
28 day-to-day issues, and presentation of staff reports) of the Comprehensive Plan, and

29 WHEREAS, this would require central staff with the historical knowledge and  
30 specific expertise in the various areas covered by the Comprehensive Plan to perform  
31 reviews and report such findings directly to the committee, rather than the standing  
32 committee to which they are assigned, and

33 WHEREAS, to foster an efficient review of the Comprehensive Plan, committee  
34 leadership should seek to identify consensus issues, thereby allowing the committee to  
35 focus on matters that need further discussion;

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

37 A. The growth management and natural resources committee shall perform all  
38 council committee review of the 2008 update of the King County Comprehensive Plan;  
39 and

40 B. The growth management and natural resources committee shall utilize policy  
41 staff from other standing committees based on their specific areas of expertise to perform  
42 the review of the 2008 revisions to the Comprehensive Plan. The chair of the growth  
43 management and natural resources committee shall consult with the applicable standing  
44 committee chair and policy staff director, and assign policy staff from standing  
45 committees for Comprehensive Plan review.

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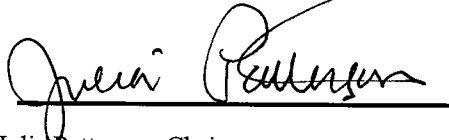
Motion 12709 was introduced on 2/11/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/25/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Mr. Ferguson

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None