



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**June 3, 2008**

**Motion 12789**

**Proposed No.** 2008-0307.1

**Sponsors** Constantine

1                   A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the final report and  
2                   recommendations of the King County Charter review  
3                   commission and thanking the commission members for  
4                   their outstanding service to the citizens of King County.

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6                   WHEREAS, the King County Charter is the county's constitution and the  
7                   cornerstone of King County government, and

8                   WHEREAS, the King County Charter has served King County well during the  
9                   almost forty years since the charter was originally approved by the voters, and

10                  WHEREAS, in order to keep the charter well-tuned to meet the needs of King  
11                  County, the charter provides for a citizen commission to be assembled every ten years to  
12                  review the charter and recommend for consideration by the metropolitan King County  
13                  council any charter amendments that the commission deems necessary, and

14                  WHEREAS, the 2007-2008 King County Charter review commission held its first  
15                  meeting on February 27, 2007, and since then has met, either as a full commission or in  
16                  one of four subcommittees, more than forty times and held thirteen public forums,  
17                  including at least one in every council district, and

18 WHEREAS, the commission has received testimony and reviewed written  
19 submissions from well over one hundred persons and organizations regarding more than  
20 three hundred fifty suggestions for charter amendments, and

21 WHEREAS, the commission has carefully considered all the suggested charter  
22 amendments and has recommended a list of amendments for consideration by the  
23 council, and

24 WHEREAS, the commission members are a diverse group, representing a variety  
25 of backgrounds, professions and opinions and including at least one representative from  
26 every council district, and

27 WHEREAS, the commission members have served as unpaid volunteers whose  
28 work on the charter review commission has been in addition to their professional and  
29 personal responsibilities, and

30 WHEREAS, despite their other commitments, the commission members have  
31 been tireless in their dedication to the performance of their duties under the charter, and

32 WHEREAS, the commission transmitted its final report and recommendations to  
33 the metropolitan King County council on May 30, 2008, and

34 WHEREAS, in the exercise of the council's duty under the charter, the council  
35 will carefully review and consider the commission's report and recommendations;

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

37 We acknowledge receipt of the final report and recommendations of the King  
38 County Charter Review Commission, and we thank commission co-chairs Mike Lowry  
39 and Lois North and commission members Trisha Bennett, Juan Bocanegra, Doreen Cato,  
40 Jim English, Dan Gandara, Bryan Glynn, Darcy Goodman, John Groen, Kirstin Haugen,

41 Tara Jo Heinecke, Gregg Hiraakawa, John Jensen, Terry Lavender, Gary Long, Sharon  
42 Maeda, Allan Munro, Sarah Rindlaub, James Williams and Mike Wilkins for their  
43 outstanding service to the citizens of King County. We also thank the commission's staff  
44 and the attorneys of the prosecuting attorney's office for their indispensable work in  
45 support of the commission.

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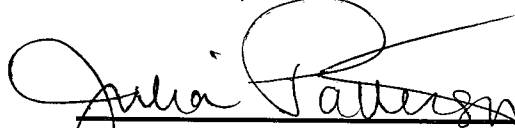
Motion 12789 was introduced on 5/27/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 6/2/2008, by the following vote:

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

No: 0

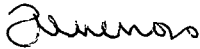
Excused: 2 - Mr. Gossett and Mr. Phillips

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None