



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**November 24, 2008**

**Motion 12889**

**Proposed No.** 2008-0628.2

**Sponsors** Dunn, von Reichbauer, Phillips,  
Hague, Ferguson and Lambert

1           A MOTION requesting the executive to establish a King  
2           County fair task force to determine how King County  
3           might improve fair attractions, attendance, financial  
4           sustainability and report findings and recommendations to  
5           the King County council.

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7           WHEREAS, the King County fair was founded in 1863, and

8           WHEREAS, the King County fair is a longstanding tradition for the celebration of  
9           King County's agricultural heritage, and

10           WHEREAS, the attendance and revenues associated with the King County fair  
11           have been in decline over the past decade, and

12           WHEREAS, a key to finding a sustainable solution to funding of the fair is  
13           dependent upon finding and attracting events of regional and national importance to the  
14           fairgrounds, and

15           WHEREAS, the King County fair is not a full cost recovery operation and has  
16           historically relied on a general fund subsidy, and

17 WHEREAS, King County is experiencing a significant general fund financial  
18 crisis, and

19 WHEREAS, the King County council desires that the King County fair is a local  
20 attraction that would continue to provide entertainment to the region's families;

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

22 A. The executive is requested to establish a King County fair task force to  
23 determine how King County might improve fair attractions, attendance and attain full  
24 cost recovery. The fair task force shall analyze the fair operations and provide findings  
25 and recommendations to the executive.

26 B. The fair task force shall be comprised of the following members:

- 27 1. One representative from the city of Enumclaw;
- 28 2. One representative from the equestrian community;
- 29 3. One representative from the Enumclaw chamber of commerce;
- 30 4. One representative from King County 4-H;
- 31 5. One representative from Washington FFA;
- 32 6. One representative from Washington State University Extension;
- 33 7. One representative from the Washington State 4-H;
- 34 8. One representative from the Washington state Fair Association;
- 35 9. One representative to be chosen at large by the fair task force;
- 36 10. One representative of the King County council;
- 37 11. One representative of the King County executive;

38 C. The executive is requested to develop a plan, including the fair task force's  
39 findings and recommendations, to improve fair attractions, attendance and full cost

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40 recovery. By August 1, 2009, the executive shall submit the plan by motion to the  
41 council for its review and approval.

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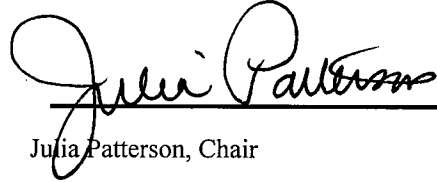
Motion 12889 was introduced on 11/17/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 11/24/2008, by the following vote:

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

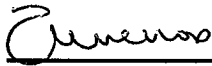
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Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments**      None