



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**September 23, 2014**

**Motion 14234**

**Proposed No. 2014-0390.1**

**Sponsors Hague, Lambert, von Reichbauer,  
Dembowski and Upthegrove**

1           A MOTION calling to strengthen the relationship between  
2           the municipality of Kaohsiung and King County.

3           WHEREAS, King County aims to build lasting partnerships with diverse  
4 communities to establish mutual, healthy economies and environments where all people  
5 and businesses have the opportunity to thrive, and

6           WHEREAS, the Pacific Northwest is an important gateway to Taiwan, China and  
7 other international entities, and

8           WHEREAS, Taiwan is Washington's eighteenth largest export market, and

9           WHEREAS, a significant number of King County residents are of Taiwanese  
10 origin and play an important role in promoting trade and cultural relations between King  
11 County and Taiwan, and

12           WHEREAS, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office ("TECO") in Seattle was  
13 founded to promote and strengthen the economic and cultural ties between the United  
14 States and the Republic of China (Taiwan), and

15           WHEREAS, King County formerly recognized Kaohsiung as a sister county and  
16 celebrated this relationship through trade missions and other mutually-beneficial  
17 economic partnerships, and

18           WHEREAS, Kaohsiung county has now been merged with the city of Kaohsiung  
19 as a combined city-county municipality, and

20           WHEREAS, in partnership with TECO, King County and the municipality of  
21 Kaohsiung wish to deepen their vibrant sister government relationship, and

22           WHEREAS, organizations like TECO foster tourism and economic development  
23 to our region, and

24           WHEREAS, the Pacific Northwest region exports large quantities of cherries,  
25 apples, local wine and wheat to the Republic of China (Taiwan), and

26           WHEREAS, in August 2014, the state of Washington and Taiwan signed a new  
27 driver license reciprocity agreement enabling drivers to more easily transfer a license  
28 from one place to the other, which may be an incentive for people from Taiwan to invest,  
29 work and study in Washington state and for people from Washington to invest, work and  
30 study in Taiwan,

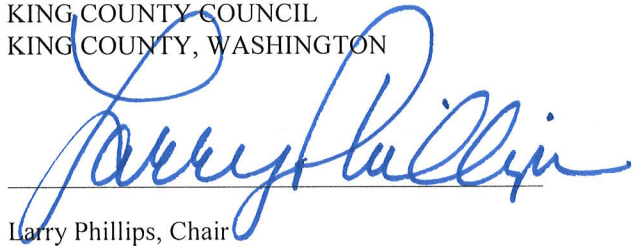
31           NOW THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

32 King County will strengthen its relationship with the municipality of Kaohsiung  
33 by seeking new opportunities for international partnerships.  
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Motion 14234 was introduced on 9/15/2014 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/22/2014, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,  
Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski and Mr.  
Upthegrove  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None