



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 23, 2015

Motion 14466

Proposed No. 2015-0445.1

Sponsors Dembowski

1 A MOTION relating to the centennial of the dedication of
2 the King County Courthouse.

3 WHEREAS, the King County Courthouse has served a vital role in city and
4 county government for the past one hundred years, and

5 WHEREAS, the seat of King County was located on the Maynard, Boren and
6 Denny Land Claim in 1853, and

7 WHEREAS, the voters of King County first approved funding for the
8 construction of the courthouse in 1911, and

9 WHEREAS, the city of Seattle also provided funding when the courthouse was
10 originally built, and occupied a portion of the courthouse between 1916 and 1962, and

11 WHEREAS, the original courthouse was built by local architect Augustus Warren
12 Gould employing locally obtained and manufactured material, and

13 WHEREAS, the courthouse was dedicated on May 4, 1916, and

14 WHEREAS, the courthouse was expanded and remodeled in 1931 to add
15 additional floors, and was remodeled again in 1967, and

16 WHEREAS, in 1976, the Pioneer Square National Historic District was extended
17 to include the courthouse, and in 1987, the courthouse was registered as a King County
18 landmark, and

19 WHEREAS, the King County Courthouse has served admirably for a century as a
20 forum for justice and the seat of government in King County;

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

22 A. The council requests that the executive establish a centennial planning
23 committee and transmit a plan to celebrate the King County Courthouse centennial. The
24 centennial plan should be developed in consultation with the city of Seattle, 4Culture, the
25 King County landmarks commission, the Historic Society of Seattle and other
26 preservation and historical organizations. The centennial plan should include, but not be
27 limited to:

- 28 1. A description of the centennial planning committee;
- 29 2. A summary of the centennial planning committee's meetings and
30 accomplishments to date and milestones needed to prepare for the celebration;
- 31 3. A proposed date for a centennial celebration in spring 2016 to coincide with
32 the original dedication of the courthouse on May 4;
- 33 4. A proposed location or locations for the centennial celebration;
- 34 5. A proposed list of activities for the centennial celebration;
- 35 6. A plan for appropriate signage to celebrate the courthouse; and
- 36 7. A proposed budget for the centennial celebration, and identification of
37 whether a supplemental appropriation would be necessary to fund the centennial
38 celebration.

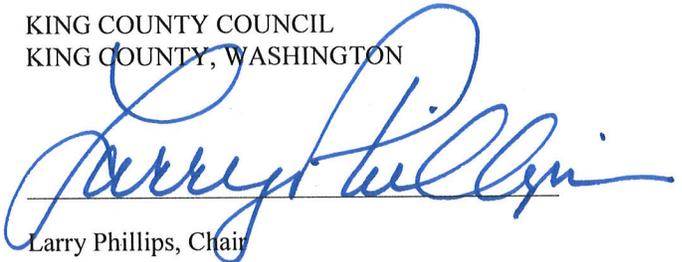
39 B. The executive should transmit the plan and a motion accepting the plan by
40 January 29, 2016, in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of
41 the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all

42 councilmembers, the council chief of staff, the policy staff director and the lead staff for
43 the transportation, economy and environment committee, or its successor.
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Motion 14466 was introduced on 10/26/2015 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 11/23/2015, 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



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None