



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

December 15, 2015

Motion 14491

Proposed No. 2015-0527.1

Sponsors Dembowski, Dunn, Gossett and von Reichbauer

1 A MOTION requesting that the director of elections
2 develop and transmit a plan to improve access to and
3 convenience of ballot drop-off locations in King County.

4 WHEREAS, the King County Strategic Plan 2010-2014 includes the objective to
5 empower people to play an active role in shaping their future, via the strategy of
6 providing accurate, secure and accessible elections, and

7 WHEREAS, voter turnout in King County for the November 2015 general
8 election was historically low, at forty percent of registered voters, and

9 WHEREAS, voter turnout was also low, at twenty-five percent, in the August
10 2015 primary, and

11 WHEREAS, use of ballot drop-off locations has been above projections, at
12 approximately twenty percent of August primary ballots and twenty-six percent for the
13 November general election, demonstrating their popularity with voters, and

14 WHEREAS, the King County council passed Motion 12820 in July 2008
15 approving a plan for three regional voting centers and thirty-nine ballot drop boxes, but
16 only twenty-five ballot drop-off locations, including twelve temporary mobile van
17 locations with limited hours, were implemented in the November 2015 general election;

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

19 A. The director of elections is requested to develop and transmit to the council a
20 plan to improve access to and convenience of ballot drop-off locations throughout King
21 County, including:

22 1. A proposed number of additional drop-off locations to ensure geographic
23 equity;

24 2. Proposed sites for the drop-off locations;

25 3. Estimated costs; and

26 4. An implementation timeline.

27 B. The plan should include an analysis of the feasibility and desirability of using
28 all public library locations in King County, including Seattle Public Libraries and the
29 King County Library System, as a means to ensure geographic equity and convenience
30 for voters.

31 C. The plan should include an option for deployment of the expanded drop boxes
32 for the November 2016 general election.

33 D. The director should transmit the plan by April 30, 2016, in the form of a paper
34 original and an electronic copy to the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original
35 and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, the

36 policy staff director and the lead staff for the government accountability and oversight
37 committee or its successor.
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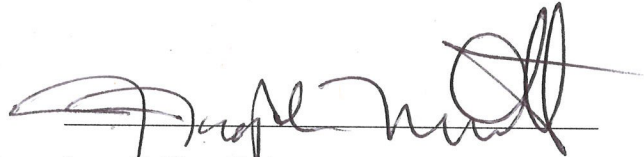
Motion 14491 was introduced on 12/7/2015 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/14/2015, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski and Mr. Upthegrove

No: 0

Excused: 2 - Mr. Phillips and Ms. Lambert

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None