



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**March 7, 2000**

**Ordinance 13762**

**Proposed No.** 2000-0162.2

**Sponsors** Gossett

1 AN ORDINANCE establishing the 2000 work plan for the  
2 regional policy committee of the King County Council.

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**PREAMBLE:**

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6 The regional policy committee of the King County council is established  
7 by the King County Charter and directed to develop, recommend and  
8 review regional policies and plans for consideration by the metropolitan  
9 county council. This ordinance describes the 2000 work plan for the  
10 regional policy committee.

11 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:**

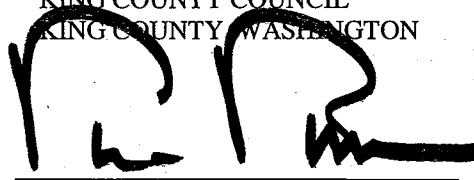
12 **SECTION 1.** The work plan for the regional policy committee for 2000 shall  
13 address countywide policies, plans or topics listed in Attachment A of this ordinance.

14 **SECTION 2.** In addition to the items listed in section 1 of this ordinance, the  
15 work plan shall include countywide policies or plans that respond to current or emergent  
16 concerns, that are of regional interest and that relate to multiple jurisdictions. The  
17 committee may amend its work plan to include such issues for consideration by the  
18 council.

Ordinance 13762 was introduced on 2/22/00 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/6/00, by the following vote:

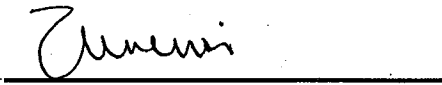
Yes: 11 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Miller, Ms. Fimia, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Nickels, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Vance and Mr. Irons  
No: 0  
Excused: 2 - Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Hague

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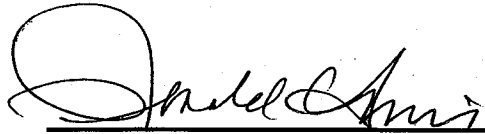
Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 10 day of MARCH, 2000.



Ron Sims, County Executive

**Attachments** A. Regional Policy Committee 2000 Work Plan dated February 24, 2000

Attachment A - Regional Policy Committee  
2000 Work Plan

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Quarter for Consideration	Product/Issue	Status Notes	Potential Regional Policy Issues
<p><b>Anchor Issue</b></p> <p><b>Completed 4/99</b></p> <p><b>Q2, 2000</b></p> <p><b>2001</b></p>	<p><b>SOLID WASTE</b></p> <p><b>Solid Waste Business Plan</b></p> <p><b>Draft Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan</b></p> <p><b>Final Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan</b></p>	<p>The Department produced a Solid Waste Business Plan that initially served an internal management purpose. Since then it has decided to use it as a starting point for developing a Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan. The Dept. is emphasized that the Business Plan is not the predetermined alternative for the Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>The distribution of the Business Plan effectively began the comprehensive planning process. Stakeholder meetings have been held throughout the County and a draft plan will be transmitted to Council by March 31.</p> <p>State mandated review and public comment periods make it nearly impossible to take a draft plan to a final plan in less than one year. Typical time frames are 18-24 months. This puts the final Executive Proposed Solid Waste Comprehensive Plan before RPC in mid to late-2001.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What long-term disposal options will we adopt once Cedar Hills is closed?</li> <li>• Are we at or near maximum attainable limits for recycling, or should the county seek higher rates of waste reduction and recycling?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Anchor Issue</b></p> <p><b>Q2</b></p>	<p><b>Juvenile Justice Operational Master Plan</b></p>	<p>Since 1993 increasing detention population, longer sentences and growing levels of criminal offenses among youth have led to capacity problems at the County's youth detention facility at 12<sup>th</sup> and Alder in Seattle. The Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention has completed Phase 1 of an Operational Master Planning Process to address facility, operating and demographic issues associated with these capacity problems.</p> <p>Specific operating and program issues are being addressed, in Phase 2. The review process is broadly based, including stakeholders from all affected sectors. Workgroups have been formed on the following topics: Prevention/Community Services; Assessment and Referral; Intervention Strategies for Truant/At-Risk Youth; Effective Sanctions and Services for Juvenile Offenders. Also addressed within the groups is disproportionate minority involvement in the justice system.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should additional youth detention capacity be built to serve the region?</li> <li>• Should prevention and diversion programs be used to manage populations thus reducing demand for youth detention space?</li> <li>• Should youth adjudication and sentencing practices be reviewed?</li> <li>• How can we reduce minority disproportionality in the juvenile justice system and in detention?</li> </ul> <p>(The RPC will hold a workshop to review the recommendations in April and consider action in May or June.)</p>

Attachment A - Regional Policy Committee  
2000 Work Plan

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Contingent Issue  Q1	Replace free standing regional forums with the Regional Policy Committee	Elected officials and staff spend a great deal of time discussing regional issues in various forums. If some of the forums were integrated into RPC public resources would be conserved and public policy might be more integrated and cohesive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can we make the best use of time for elected officials and staff when addressing regional issues?</li> </ul> <p>This is primarily a discussion item. Any changes would require a regional consensus.</p>
Contingent Issue  Q1	Human Services	During 1999 the Metropolitan King County Council, working with other jurisdictions, developed a policy framework to guide County spending for human services. In addition, some sub-area planning was undertaken and is nearly complete.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RPC should be briefed on the framework policies and review the sub-area plans.</li> </ul>
Contingent Issue  Q1	Funding of Regional Facilities	Several jurisdictions in King County fund regional facilities such as parks, the zoo or aquarium. Paying for the capital and operating costs of these facilities is a burden to the individual jurisdictions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there a way to agree on objective criteria for identifying these facilities?</li> <li>• Is it possible to agree on a regional funding mechanism to support these facilities?</li> </ul>
Contingent Issue  Q3	Updated Strategic Plan and Funding Proposal for Emergency Medical Services	Following voters' rejection of the EMS funding levy, a crisis developed and interim funding was put in place. A new task force is developing the strategic plan and funding proposal. Current funding expires at the end of 2001.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the package of services to be funded?</li> <li>• What are the sources of funding?</li> <li>• For 2000 this is a briefing item; RPC may want to take a more active role in 2001.</li> </ul>

Anchor issues are items where RPC expects to have a major policy role usually in conjunction with legislation. Contingent issues are items where RPC may be briefed, discuss and monitor.