



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

February 4, 2003

Ordinance 14570

Proposed No. 2002-0605.2

Sponsors Sullivan, Gossett, Edmonds,
Constantine, Phillips, Hague,
Lambert, Pelz, McKenna and
Patterson

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the organization of the
2 executive branch; designating as key subordinate units the
3 elections section and the records, election and licensing
4 division of the department of executive services; and
5 amending Ordinance 11955, Section 12, as amended, and
6 K.C.C. 2.16.100.

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

10 **SECTION 1. Findings:** The council hereby finds:

11 A. The proper administration of elections is an essential function of county
12 government in Washington state. Public confidence in the prompt and accurate counting
13 of ballots is of the utmost importance to our democratic society. Conducting elections
14 also requires numerous other important administrative matters including voter
15 registration, processing of filings for candidate and measures, and the publication of
16 voters' pamphlets.

17 B. Public confidence in the persons appointed to provide and protect our
18 elections requires a selection process offering the greatest possible public scrutiny.
19 Careful consideration of the professional qualifications of candidates for these vital
20 positions will be accomplished best by a process involving executive appointment and
21 council confirmation of persons serving in the position of division director, records,
22 elections and licensing services division, and the position of superintendent of elections,
23 elections section.

24 SECTION 2. Ordinance 11955, Section 12, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.100 are
25 each hereby amended to read as follows:

26 **Career service exemptions.**

27 A. Exemptions from the requirements of the career service personnel system
28 shall be consistent with the provisions of Sections 550, 350.10 and 350.20 of the King
29 County Charter. Key subordinate units, as determined by the county council, and
30 departmental divisions shall be considered to be executive departments(~~(;and)~~).
31 ~~((d))~~ Divisions of administrative offices shall be considered to be administrative offices
32 for the purpose of determining the applicability of the charter provisions.

33 B. ~~((Accordingly,t))~~ The county administrative officer, directors, chief officers(~~(;~~
34 ~~managers))~~ and supervisors of departments, administrative offices, divisions, key
35 subordinate units ~~((as determined by the county council,))~~ and other units of county
36 government as required by law(~~(;)~~) shall be exempt from the requirements and provisions
37 of the career service personnel system.

38 C.1. The following are determined by the council to be key subordinate units due
39 to the nature of the programs involved and their public policy implications((;)) and
40 appointments ((theretø)) to these positions shall be subject to confirmation by the council:

41 ((1-)) a. ((F))the director of the public defense division; ((and))

42 ((2-)) b. ((F))the chief information officer of the administrative office of
43 information resource management;

44 c. the manager of the records, elections and licensing services division; and

45 d. the superintendent of elections of the elections section of the records,
46 elections and licensing services division.

47 ((3-)) 2. When an ordinance is enacted designating a position as a key
48 subordinate unit, no person then serving in ((such)) the position shall continue to serve
49 for more than ninety days after such enactment, unless reappointed by the executive and
50 confirmed by the council.

51 D. ((In addition, if the following positions are authorized within executive
52 departments, divisions or administrative offices, an administrative assistant and a
53 confidential secretary for each director, chief officer of an administrative office and
54 supervisor of a key subordinate unit as determined by the county council)) If an
55 administrative assistant or a confidential secretary, or both, for each director, chief officer
56 of an administrative office and supervisor of a key subordinate unit are authorized, those

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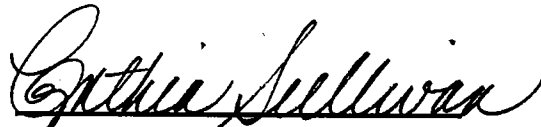
57 positions are ((shall be)) exempt from the requirements and provisions of the career
58 service personnel system.

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Ordinance 14570 was introduced on 12/9/2002 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/3/2003, by the following vote:

Yes: 13 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons and Ms. Patterson
No: 0
Excused: 0

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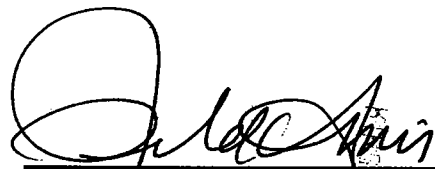

Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 14 day of February, 2003.



Ron Sims, County Executive

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Attachments None