



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

July 30, 2007

Ordinance 15877

Proposed No. 2007-0389.1

Sponsors Phillips, Lambert, Patterson, von Reichbauer, Ferguson, Gossett, Constantine, Hague and Dunn

1 AN ORDINANCE renaming the regional justice center the
2 Norm Maleng Regional Justice Center as a memorial to the
3 Honorable Norm Maleng, past King County Prosecuting
4 Attorney.

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6 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

- 7 1. The Honorable Norm Maleng served as King County prosecutor during
8 six terms of office, beginning in 1979 and winning reelection in 1982,
9 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998, 2002 and 2006. In that period of service, he was
10 a leader in the efforts to reform our criminal justice system and improve
11 public safety on the local, state and national levels.
- 12 2. Prosecuting Attorney Maleng established a number of innovative
13 programs within the Prosecuting Attorney's Office including a nationally-
14 recognized sexual assault prosecution unit, a specialized homicide
15 investigation and prosecution unit, a victim assistance unit, and a
16 comprehensive domestic violence prosecution unit, including a system of
17 advocacy for victims of domestic violence at the District Courts

18 throughout King County. Norm also established Kids' Court, which helps
19 child victims of sexual abuse understand the courtroom, and Drug Court,
20 which offers first-time offenders an opportunity for a strict drug treatment
21 program.

22 3. Prosecuting Attorney Maleng led legislative efforts in the state of
23 Washington, which culminated in the passage of a number of critical bills,
24 including restoration and expansion of the crime victim compensation
25 system, and establishment of our state's presumptive sentencing system,
26 which has brought uniformity and certainty to the state's criminal justice
27 system.

28 4. Prosecuting Attorney Maleng chaired the Governor's Task Force on
29 Community Protection in 1989. The task force recommendations became
30 law and Washington's laws regarding registration, notification, and civil
31 commitment of sex offenders have become national models.

32 5. Prosecuting Attorney Maleng worked to pass the Becca bill in 1995,
33 which has re-enforced the state's truancy laws and established expectations
34 for dealing with runaway children.

35 6. Prosecuting Attorney Maleng was a leader in the 1997 Juvenile Justice
36 Act, which provides an improved framework to intervene in the life of a
37 troubled youth.

38 7. Prosecuting Attorney Maleng led one of the largest law offices in the
39 state with a total staff of over five hundred employees, including two
40 hundred forty deputy prosecutors.

41 8. Prosecuting Attorney Maleng distinguished himself by earning his
42 degree in Economics from the University of Washington in 1960 and his
43 law degree from the University of Washington School of law in 1966
44 where he served as editor in chief of the law review. Upon graduation
45 from law school Maleng was selected to serve as staff attorney for the
46 United States Senate Committee on Commerce, chaired by Senator
47 Warren Magnuson. Maleng also served as a Lieutenant in the United
48 States Army and worked in private practice in Seattle for three years
49 before being appointed Chief Deputy of the Civil Division at the age of
50 thirty-two.

51 9. While King County Prosecutor Maleng passed away on May 24, 2007,
52 his contributions to the citizens of King County and his work as King
53 County Prosecutor will remain with us.

54 10. We wish to recognize King County Prosecutor Maleng's significant
55 service.

56 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

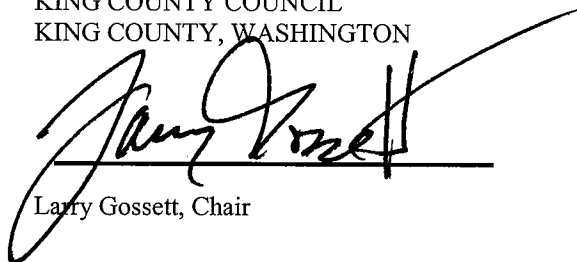
57 SECTION 1. We do hereby honor and memorialize Prosecuting Attorney Norm

58 Maleng by renaming the regional justice center the Norm Maleng Regional Justice
59 Center.
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Ordinance 15877 was introduced on 7/16/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 7/30/2007, by the following vote:

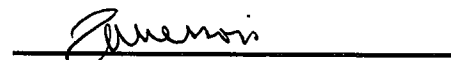
Yes: 8 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr.
Ferguson, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine
No: 0
Excused: 1 - Mr. Dunn

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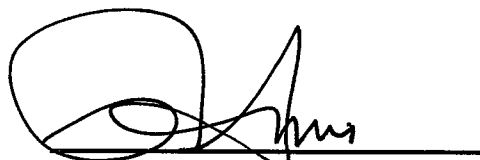
Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 8 day of August, 2007.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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