



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**February 11, 2008**

**Ordinance 16011**

**Proposed No.** 2007-0521.1

**Sponsors** Gossett, Phillips, Constantine,  
Hague and Ferguson

1 AN ORDINANCE naming the Inpatient Expansion  
2 Building at 410 Ninth Avenue in the Harborview Medical  
3 Center campus the Norm Maleng Building, in honor of the  
4 late Norm Maleng, King County Prosecuting Attorney and  
5 revered community member.

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7 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

8 **SECTION 1. Findings:**

9 A. The Honorable Norm Maleng served as King County prosecuting attorney for  
10 28 years, having first been elected in 1978, and then re-elected to seven additional terms.  
11 During that time he earned the respect and admiration of employees and elected officials  
12 in all levels of government, of representatives of the medical profession and members of  
13 the healthcare sector and of the wider community.

14 B. Norm Maleng was born in Acme, Washington, in Whatcom County. His early  
15 life on a small dairy farm, and his boyhood experiences in that community, instilled  
16 values in him concerning work, service to others and honesty that guided him throughout  
17 his life.

18 C. Norm Maleng was educated at the University of Washington, earning his  
19 baccalaureate in Economics. After service in the United States Army, he returned to the  
20 University of Washington and earned his law degree there, serving as Editor of the Law  
21 Review.

22 D. Throughout his life, Norm Maleng worked tirelessly to improve the justice  
23 system and to emphasize the importance of prevention and therapeutic options for youth,  
24 for individuals affected by substance abuse, and for persons suffering from mental illness.  
25 He strove to protect victims of domestic violence and to improve both public health and  
26 public safety, through innovative programs in the prosecuting attorney's office and  
27 through cooperative efforts with a wide range of individuals and institutions in the public  
28 sector.

29 E. Following the death of Norm and Judy Maleng's daughter, Karen Maleng, in  
30 1989 at Harborview Medical Center, the Malengs served as ambassadors in the  
31 community, speaking on behalf of the work done in the Harborview Medical Center  
32 Trauma Center to save lives after devastating injuries, and to help families heal following  
33 the sudden death of loved ones. In this work, Norm Maleng, a devoted family man, drew  
34 upon the personal experience of losing his daughter, as he helped others who have  
35 suffered tragic loss.

36 F. Norm Maleng passed away on May 24, 2007, at Harborview Medical Center.

37 G. Norm Maleng was admired in his professional career for his passion for  
38 justice, extraordinary intellect, leadership capabilities and comprehensive knowledge of  
39 legal matters and public affairs. He will be remembered for these qualities by all who  
40 worked with him in his capacity as prosecuting attorney. He will also be remembered on

41 a more personal level for his humanitarian commitment to the underserved, his empathy  
42 for those suffering tragic loss, and for his efforts to help those needing protection and aid.

43 H. In appreciation of Norm Maleng's work, compassion, and commitment to the  
44 citizens of King County and to the mission of Harborview Medical Center, the  
45 Harborview Board of Trustees unanimously passed a Resolution at their July, 2007  
46 meeting, encouraging the King County executive and King County council to  
47 memorialize Norm Maleng through legislation naming the new Inpatient Expansion  
48 Building located at 410 Ninth Avenue in the Harborview Medical Center campus as the  
49 Norm Maleng Building.

50 I. The Inpatient Expansion Building will provide greatly needed additional  
51 capacity to meet growing regional needs for emergency and inpatient care. It houses  
52 eight operating rooms and additional inpatient beds, along with acute care, rehabilitation  
53 and clinic facilities. The building includes an expansion of the Emergency Department.  
54 It has been built to the latest FEMA standards in order to ensure that it will remain  
55 operational following an earthquake.

56 J. The council previously honored Norm Maleng by passing Ordinance 15877 on  
57 July 30, 2007. That ordinance renamed the Regional Justice Center in Kent as the Norm  
58 Maleng Regional Justice Center, an act which reflects the significant contributions he  
59 made to the cause of justice and to reform of the criminal justice system in King County  
60 and in Washington state. The council concurs with the Harborview Medical Center  
61 Board of Trustees in its appreciation of Norm Maleng's commitment to the work and  
62 mission of the Harborview Medical Center and wishes to recognize this additional aspect

63 of Norm Maleng's extraordinary public service through another lasting and visible  
64 memorial.

65 SECTION 2. We do hereby honor and memorialize King County Prosecuting  
66 Attorney Norm Maleng by naming the Inpatient Expansion Building at 410 Ninth  
67 Avenue in the Harborview Medical Center campus as the Norm Maleng Building.

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Ordinance 16011 was introduced on 10/22/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 2/11/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von  
Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON




Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.



Ron Sims, County Executive

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Attachments None