King County

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Signature Report

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Ordinance 17733

	Proposed No. 2013-0352.1 Sponsors Lambert
1	AN ORDINANCE relating to the department of public
2	health; amending Ordinance 12529, Section 2, as amended,
3	and K.C.C. 2.16.080, Ordinance 163, Section 7, as
4	amended, and K.C.C. 2.24.110 and Ordinance 15952,
5	Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.24.135, Ordinance
6	8577, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.50.010,
7	Ordinance 8577, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C.
8	2.50.020, Ordinance 10217, Section 3, as amended, and
9	K.C.C. 2.50.025, Ordinance 8577, Section 3, as amended,
10	and K.C.C. 2.50.030, Ordinance 12075, Section 13, as
11	amended, and K.C.C. 2.50.045, adding a new chapter to
12	K.C.C. Title 2, adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter
13	4A.650, recodifying K.C.C. 2.16.080, K.C.C. 2.24.110,
14	K.C.C. 2.24.135, K.C.C. 2.50.010, K.C.C. 2.50.020, K.C.C.
15	2.50.025, K.C.C. 2.50.030 and K.C.C. 2.50.045 and
16	repealing Ordinance 5057, Section 1, as amended, and
17	K.C.C. 2.24.120 and Ordinance 5057, Section 2, as
18	amended, and K.C.C. 2.24.130.
19	PREAMBLE:

20	The existing code section on public health duties, K.C.C. 2.16.080, was
21	created for the most part in the 1980s and 1990s, and one provision refers
22	back to 1951. The council determines that a new Title 2 chapter on public
23	health duties should be created, and material related to all public health
24	matters be codified in that title.
25	BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:
26	SECTION 1. There is hereby established a new chapter in K.C.C. Title 2. The
27	new chapter shall contain K.C.C. 2.16.080, as recodified by this ordinance, section 3 of
28	this ordinance, section 4 of this ordinance, section 5 of this ordinance, section 6 of this
29	ordinance, section 7 of this ordinance, section 8 of this ordinance, section 9 of this
30	ordinance, section 10 of this ordinance, K.C.C. 2.24.110, as recodified by this ordinance,
31	K.C.C. 2.24.135, as recodified by this ordinance, K.C.C. 2.50.010, as recodified by this
32	ordinance, K.C.C. 2.50.020, as recodified by this ordinance, K.C.C. 2.50.025, as
33	recodified by this ordinance, K.C.C. 2.50.030, as recodified by this ordinance, and
34	K.C.C. 2.50.045, as recodified by this ordinance,.
35	SECTION 2. K.C.C. 2.16.080, as amended by this ordinance, is hereby
36	recodified as a new section in the chapter created under section 1 of this ordinance.
37	SECTION 3. Ordinance 12529, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.16.080 are
38	each hereby amended to read as follows:
39	A.1. ((Since 1951, the city of Seattle and the county have jointly financed and
40	operated a city-county health department.)) The department of public health, which is
41	also known as public health -Seattle & King County, is responsible to manage and be
42	fiscally accountable for providing a functionally integrated set of services and programs

3	that are fully responsive to urban, suburban city and unincorporated communities. The
14	department shall include: regional services; an emergency medical services division; an
15	environmental health division; a prevention division; a community health services
46	division; a jail health services division; and an administrative services division. The
47	department shall also provide administrative support to the children and family
48	commission.
49	2. As of January 1, 1981, the city of Seattle and the county established a
50	combined city-county health department ((known as the Seattle-King County department
51	of public health)) under chapters 70.05 and 70.08 RCW and certain city ordinances and
52	county ((resolutions and)) ordinances. The director of the department shall be jointly
53	appointed by the mayor of the city and the county executive, subject to confirmation by
54	the city and county councils, and may be removed by the county executive, after
55	consultation with the mayor, upon filing a statement of the reasons therefore with the city
56	and county councils as authorized by RCW 70.08.040. The director shall be responsible
57	for the management of the department.
58	((B. As provided in the agreement between King County and the city of Seattle
59	entitled "1996 Agreement Regarding the Seattle-King County Department of Public
60	Health" approved by the county council by Motion 9999, the department shall be
	responsible for providing a functionally integrated set of services and programs that are
61	1l. on city and unincorporated communities.))
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65	health ((and)), prevent disease and reduce health inequities, including, but not limited to:

providing needed or mandated prevention or intervention services to address individual and community health concerns; assessing and monitoring the health status of communities; preventing disease, injury, disability and premature death; promoting healthy living conditions and healthy behaviors; and controlling and reducing the exposure of individuals and communities to environmental or personal hazards. The department shall assess the health of King County residents and communities, facilitate planning to develop responses to issues which affect the public's health and evaluate the effectiveness of programs and initiatives which address these issues. ((The department shall include an emergency medical services division, an environmental health division, a prevention division, a community oriented primary care division, an alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse prevention division, an administrative services division and regional services areas. The department shall manage children and family programs and shall provide administrative support to the children and family commission.

C. To fulfill the purpose of reducing death and disability from accidents, acute illness, injuries and other medical emergencies, the duties of the emergency medical services division shall include the following:

1. Track and analyze service and program needs of the emergency medical services system in the county, and plan and implement emergency medical programs, services and delivery systems based on uniform data and standard emergency medical incident reporting;

2. Set standards for emergency medical services training and implement emergency medical service personnel training programs, including, but not limited to,

88	public education, communication and response-capabilities and transportation of the sick
89	and injured;
90	3. Coordinate all aspects of emergency medical services in the county with
91	local, state and federal governments and other counties, municipalities and special
92	districts for the purpose of improving the quality and quantity of emergency medical
93	services and disaster response in King County; and
94	4. Analyze and coordinate the disaster response capabilities of the department.
95	D. The duties of the environmental health division shall include the following:
96	1. Inspect and monitor regulated facilities to ensure compliance with public
97	health codes, rules and regulations;
98	2. Investigate complaints or special programs, such as disease outbreaks,
99	sewage spills or toxic spills, identified by the public, the media or public officials;
100	3. Advise or educate the public on health risks associated with environmental
101	hazards; and
102	4. Enforce public health codes, rules and regulations within the jurisdictions of
103	the division;
104	5. Provide veterinary medical care for animals in the custody of King County's
105	animal care and control authority; and
106	6. Fulfill zoonotic disease control responsibilities in accordance with WAC 246-
107	100-191 and 246-101-405.
108	E. The duties of the prevention division shall include the following:
109	1. Reduce the public's exposure to communicable diseases through surveillance
110	and outbreak investigation;

111	2. Lower the occurrence of chronic diseases, injury and violence in the
112	community through strategies which reduce the frequency of risk factors for these
113	conditions;
114	3. Promote and provide public education and research in the development of
115	prevention models;
116	4. Perform specific public health services including vital statistics and
117	laboratory functions; and
118	5. Perform medical examiner and statutory coroner duties, except for the
119	holding of inquests, which function is vested in the county executive.
120	F. The community oriented primary care division shall focus the department's
121	clinical leadership, health services and expertise and strengthens quality systems and
122	effective care partnerships with government, business and community based
123	organizations. To maintain the community health care system, the duties of the division
124	shall include the following:
125	1. Develop benchmarks of service quality, clinical guidelines and standards of
126	excellence for the health department;
127	2. Provide leadership and coordination with health care providers, government
128	agencies, businesses and community groups in the provision of primary health services to
129	at-risk populations in King County;
130	3. Develop, implement and monitor a systematic, comprehensive system of
131	health service delivery in King County that improves health outcomes by connecting
132	community based intervention and strategies with the health care of individuals;

133	4. Develop responsive service delivery and access mechanisms to meet the
134	changing health care needs of at-risk populations in King County; and
135	5. Provide basic primary care services to detainees of the King County adult
136	detention facilities.
137	G. The duties of the alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse prevention division
138	shall include the following:
139	1. Administer, staff and provide technical expertise to department programs
140	related to the prevention of alcoholism and substance abuse;
141	2. Provide prevention services on alcoholism and other drug addictions under
142	federal and state laws and King County ordinances;
143	3. Link and integrate alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse interventions with
144	public health functions and activities; and
145	4. Provide for the delivery of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse services in
146	correctional facilities.
147	H. The duties of the administrative services division shall include the following:
148	1. Provide administrative and technical support to the department;
149	2. Oversee the administrative systems and activities of the department; and
150	3. Provide general support within the department as authorized elsewhere in this
151	chapter.
152	I. In addition to divisions, the department shall be organized into regional service
153	areas that will directly provide department activities, services and programs within
154	identified geographic boundaries in the county.))

155	NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. There is hereby added to the new chapter created
156	in section 1 of this ordinance a section to read as follows:
157	The duties of the department's regional services shall include the following:
158	A.1. Convening and leading programs to improve health access and quality;
159	2. Forming partnerships with organizations and health care providers to increase
160	the number of healthy years lived by people in the county and to eliminate health
161	inequities through policy and systems change, access to affordable, appropriate and
162	quality health care services; and
163	3. Increasing efficiency and effectiveness of public health services;
164	B. Planning and developing local and regional capacity for responding to public
165	health emergencies and providing for the direction and mobilization of health and
166	medical resources, information and personnel during emergencies and disasters in the
167	county;
168	C. Providing the functions of assessment, epidemiology and program evaluation;
169	and
170	D. Developing and disseminating information, tools and strategies that support
171	the public health functions described in this chapter.
172	NEW SECTION. SECTION 5. There is hereby added to the new chapter created
173	in section 1 of this ordinance a section to read as follows:
174	The duties of the emergency medical services division shall include the following:
175	A. Tracking and analyzing service and program needs of the emergency medical
176	services system in the county, and planning and implementing emergency medical

1//	programs, services and delivery systems based on uniform data and standard emergency
178	medical incident reporting;
179	B. Providing medical direction and setting standards for emergency medical
180	services and medical dispatch training and implementing emergency medical service
181	personnel training programs, including, but not limited to, public education,
182	communication and response capabilities and transportation of the sick and injured;
183	C. Administering contracts for disbursement of Medic One emergency medical
184	services tax levy funds for basic and advanced life support services and providing King
185	County Medic One advanced life support services;
186	D. Coordinating all aspects of emergency medical services in the county with
187	local, state and federal governments and other counties, municipalities and special
188	districts for the purpose of improving the quality of emergency medical services and
189	disaster response in King County; and
190	E. Analyzing and coordinating the emergency medical services components of
191	disaster response capabilities of the department.
192	NEW SECTION. SECTION 6. There is hereby added to the new chapter created
193	in section 1 of this ordinance a new section to read as follows:
194	The duties of the environmental health division shall include the following:
195	A. Inspecting and monitoring regulated facilities to ensure compliance with
196	public health codes, rules and regulations;
197	B. Investigating complaints or problems, such as disease outbreaks, sewage spills
198	or toxic spills, identified by the public, the media or public officials;

199	C. Advising and educating the public on prevention and control of health risks
200	associated with environmental hazards;
201	D. Enforcing public health codes, rules and regulations within the jurisdictions of
202	the division;
203	E. Fulfilling zoonotic disease control responsibilities in accordance with WAC
204	246-100-191 and 246-101-405; and
205	F. Preventing and controlling the transmission of zoonotic diseases from animals
206	by inspecting and responding to complaints about regulated facilities and promoting the
207	health, safety and well-being of animals in such facilities.
208	NEW SECTION. SECTION 7. There is hereby added to the new chapter created
209	in section 1 of this ordinance a new section to read as follows:
210	The duties of the prevention division shall include the following:
211	A. Reducing the public's exposure to communicable diseases through
212	surveillance and outbreak investigation and disease prevention and control measures;
213	B. Lowering the occurrence of chronic diseases, injury and violence in the
214	community through strategies that reduce the frequency of risk factors for these
215	conditions;
216	C. Promoting and providing public education and research in the development of
217	prevention models;
218	D. Performing specific public health services including vital statistics and
219	laboratory functions; and
220	E. Performing medical examiner and statutory coroner duties as described in
221	K.C.C. 2.24.110, as recodified by this ordinance.

222	NEW SECTION. SECTION 8. There is hereby added to the new chapter created
223	in section 1 of this ordinance a new section to read as follows:
224	The duties of the community health services division shall include the following:
225	A. Focusing the department's clinical leadership, health services and expertise
226	and strengthening quality systems and effective care partnerships with government,
227	business and community-based organizations;
228	B. Increasing access to affordable health care by those in need and improving the
229	community health care system;
230	C. Developing and monitoring performance standards for service quality, clinical
231	professional practice and standards of excellence for programs and groups served by the
232	health department and other health care providers;
233	D. Providing leadership and coordination with health care providers, government
234	agencies, businesses and community groups in the provision of health services to at-risk
235	or under-served populations in the county;
236	E. In coordination with health care providers and others, developing,
237	implementing and monitoring a systematic, comprehensive system of health service
238	delivery in the county that improves health outcomes by connecting community-based
239	intervention and strategies with the health care of individuals including clinical and
240	preventive services provided by the department based on community assessment and
241	financial sustainability measures; and
242	F. Developing responsive service delivery and access mechanisms to meet the
243	changing health care needs of at-risk populations in King County.

244	NEW SECTION. SECTION 9. There is hereby added to the new chapter created
245	in section 1 of this ordinance a new section to read as follows:
246	The duty of the jail health services division is to provide health care services to
247	detainees of the King County adult detention facilities, including medical, dental,
248	psychiatric care and related services in conjunction with the department of adult and
249	juvenile detention.
250	NEW SECTION. SECTION 10. There is hereby added to the new chapter
251	created in section 1 of this ordinance a new section to read as follows:
252	The duties of the administrative services division shall include the following:
253	A. Providing administrative and technical support to the department;
254	B. Overseeing the administrative systems and activities of the department; and
255	C. Providing general support within the department as authorized elsewhere in
256	this chapter.
257	SECTION 11. K.C.C. 2.24.110, as amended by this ordinance, shall be recodified
258	in the new chapter created in section 1 of this ordinance.
259	SECTION 12. Ordinance 163, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.24.110 are
260	each hereby amended to read as follows:
261	A. The duties and functions of medical examiner shall be performed by the
262	((Seattle-King County)) prevention division of the department of ((public)) health. The
263	medical examiner shall be responsible for the administration and staffing of all
264	((department)) programs relating to the performance of autopsies and investigations of
265	death as authorized by the statutes of the state of Washington, except as provided by this
266	section. The chief medical examiner, who shall be a nathologist certified in forencia

pathology, shall be appointed by the director of the department. Employees performing duties and functions of or related to the medical examiner, with the exception of specifically identified exempt positions, shall be members of the King County career service.

- ((A.)) <u>B.</u> The chief medical examiner shall assume jurisdiction over human remains, perform autopsies and perform such other functions as are authorized by chapter 68.50 RCW and such other statutes of the state of Washington as are applicable, except for the holding of inquests, which function is vested in the county executive. <u>The chief medical examiner has the authorities granted under K.C.C. 2.24.135, as recodified by this ordinance.</u>
- ((B-)) <u>C.</u> The chief medical examiner shall institute procedures and policies to ensure investigation into the deaths of persons so specified in chapter 68.50 RCW and to ensure the public health, except for the holding of inquests, which function is vested in the county executive.
- ((C.)) D. The notice of the existence and location of a dead body required to be given by state law shall be given to the medical examiner. The medical examiner shall be responsible for control and disposition of personal property of deceased persons under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner((. Such personal property)), which shall be transferred to the next of kin or other legal representatives of the deceased. If ((such)) the transfer cannot be made because there is no known next of kin or legal representative, or ((they are)) the next of kin or legal representative is not available to accomplish the transfer within thirty days after the medical examiner assumes jurisdiction over the body

289	of the deceased, the personal property shall be deposited with the King County treasury
290	manager, or transferred to an attorney pursuant to the institution of probate action.
291	E.1. The chief medical examiner may issue subpoenas to compel the production
292	of medical and dental records, and other documents as are necessary for the full
293	investigation of any case under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner from any person,
294	organization or other entity in possession of the records or documents.
295	2. Subpoenas issued by the chief medical examiner shall be enforceable through
296	the superior court.
297	3. In case of refusal or failure to obey a subpoena issued under this subsection
298	E, the chief medical examiner may seek the aid of the prosecuting attorney to apply to the
299	superior court for an order or other appropriate action necessary to secure enforcement of
300	the subpoena.
301	4. Punishment for contempt for refusal or failure to comply with a subpoena
302	issued under this subsection E. shall be as provided by chapter 36.24 RCW and other
303	applicable laws and court rules.
304	SECTION 13. Ordinance 5057, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.24.120 and
305	Ordinance 5057, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.24.130, Ordinance 5057, Section
306	2, as amended, are each hereby repealed.
307	SECTION 14. K.C.C. 2.24.135, as amended by this ordinance, shall be recodified
308	in the new chapter created in section 1 of this ordinance.
309	SECTION 15. Ordinance 15952, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.24.135 are
310	each hereby amended to read as follows:

311	A. A person shall not bury, cremate or otherwise dispose of the body of a
312	decedent who died in the county without first reporting the death to the medical
313	examiner's office and receiving an authorization from the medical examiner releasing the
314	body for disposition.
315	B.1. A person reporting a death to the medical examiner's office of a person
316	whose remains are to be buried, cremated or otherwise disposed shall be charged ((a)) the
317	fee ((of fifty dollars)) in section 16 of this ordinance.
318	2. The medical examiner may waive the fee for a cremation only if the cost of
319	the cremation to be performed was paid before January 1, 2008. The fee shall not be
320	charged if the cost of the cremation is borne by the county.
321	3. Revenues generated by the body disposition permit fee shall be expended to
322	support the ((King County medical examiner's office)) duties and functions of medical
323	examiner performed by the prevention division of the department of health.
324	NEW SECTION. SECTION 16. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter
325	4A.650 a new section to read as follows:
326	A person reporting a death to the medical examiner's office of a person whose
327	remains are to be buried, cremated or otherwise disposed under K.C.C. 2.24.135, as
328	recodified by this ordinance, shall be charged a fee of fifty dollars.
329	SECTION 17. K.C.C. 2.50.010, as amended by this ordinance, shall be recodified
330	in the new chapter created in section 1 of this ordinance.
331	SECTION 18. Ordinance 8577, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.50.010 are
332	each hereby amended to read as follows:

A. There is established the King County children and family commission, to be		
composed of no more than seventeen voting members, appointed by the King County		
executive and confirmed by the council. Appointees shall represent the geographic and		
ethnic diversity of communities in King County. No more than seven members shall		
reside within any one municipal jurisdiction.		
B. The commission shall seek the opinions and ideas of educators, the business		

- B. The commission shall seek the opinions and ideas of educators, the business community, children, youth and family service providers and agency representatives and other interested parties on issues considered by the commission. These persons shall be invited to participate in commission discussions.
- C. The commission members shall be appointed by the county executive, subject to confirmation by the county council. Appointees should include professionals, consumers of county services, youth and individuals of color and limited or non-English speaking individuals who are concerned about children, youth and families.
- D. Appropriate county departments which serve the health, recreational, social, economic and criminal justice needs of children, youth and families shall provide ((resource people)) staff who shall serve the commission in an advisory capacity.
- E. Except for the initial term, all appointments shall be for three-year terms.

 ((Once confirmed by the council, commission members shall serve as voting members until reconfirmed or a successor is confirmed.)) Commission members may serve two consecutive terms.
- F. Any vacancies occurring in the membership of the children and family commission shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointments.

356	SECTION 19. K.C.C. 2.50.020, as amended by this ordinance, shall be recodified
357	in the new chapter created in section 1 of this ordinance.
358	SECTION 20. Ordinance 8577, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.50.020 are
359	each hereby amended to read as follows:
360	A. The King County children and family commission shall act in an advisory
361	capacity to the county executive, the superior court and county council, focusing on
362	recommendations to further define King County's mission, role((5)) and goals in the
363	provision of services to children, youth and families. The commission ((will)) shall:
364	1. ((e))Concentrate on building links between the county's service systems,
365	communities and schools: ((The commission will))
366	2. ((p))Provide oversight and review of county programs providing services to
367	children, youth and families; and
368	3. ((p))Promote cooperation among departments, and evaluate the effectiveness
369	of programs.
370	B. The commission shall establish a standing committee comprised of
371	commission members that ((will)) should focus on services for at-risk youth including
372	probation related services of the superior court juvenile department, juvenile detention
373	and the services provided to youth by the department of adult and juvenile detention, the
374	department of community and human services, schools and others as deemed appropriate.
375	This committee, through the commission, shall provide advice and offer
376	recommendations on services for at-risk youth in the community and in the juvenile
377	justice system.

378	SECTION 21. K.C.C. 2.50.025, as amended by this ordinance, shall be recodified
379	in the new chapter created in section 1 of this ordinance.
380	SECTION 22. Ordinance 10217, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.50.025 are
381	each hereby amended to read as follows:
382	The commission shall provide citizen oversight for the department of community
383	and human services and other involved county departments in development and
384	implementation of the Human Services Recommendations Report required by Ordinance
385	((13629)) 15406 and shall communicate its recommendations regarding the report to the
386	executive and council. In accordance with adopted policy and any recommendations
387	adopted as a result of the Human Services (Review and) Recommendations Report the
388	commission shall review the budgets of county agencies serving children, youth and
389	families as part of the annual budget process for the purpose of making appropriate policy
390	and resource allocation recommendations to the executive, the superior court and the
391	council.
392	SECTION 23. K.C.C. 2.50.030, as amended by this ordinance, shall be recodified
393	in the new chapter created in section 1 of this ordinance.
394	SECTION 24. Ordinance 8577, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C 2.50.030 are
395	each hereby amended to read as follows:
396	The King County children and family commission shall elect its officers,
397	including a chair, vice-chair and such other officers as it may deem necessary. The
398	officers shall occupy their respective offices for one year. The commission may organize
399	into sub((-))committees as appropriate. The commission shall adopt rules and
400	administrative procedures for its own operation. The rules shall include a definition of

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conflict of interest issues coming before the commission and appropriate voting restrictions. The commission shall adopt an annual work plan ((describing how it will fulfill its responsibilities)). The commission shall hold regular public meetings at least quarterly. Records of the proceedings shall be maintained. The commission shall issue an annual report to the public on its activities. A quorum shall constitute a majority of the commission's membership. Any member of the commission who, without having been excused by the chair, fails to attend three regularly scheduled commission meetings, shall be removed and the position declared vacant by the appointing authority. SECTION 25. K.C.C. 2.50.045, as amended by this ordinance, shall be recodified in the new chapter created in section 1 of this ordinance. SECTION 26. Ordinance 12075, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 2.50.045 are each hereby amended to read as follows: The ((Seattle-King County)) department of public health shall have lead responsibility, within available resources, for staffing the commission. Staff from the department shall respond to the chair of the commission, assisting in the preparation of agendas, securing information and statistics as requested or required for commission projects, keeping members informed about meetings and tasks, communicating with the

Attachments: None

executive office about appointments of new members as needed and working with the

commission to ensure the intent of this chapter is fulfilled.

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Ordinance 17733 was introduced on and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 1/21/2014, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,

Mr. Dunn, Mr. Dembowski and Mr. Upthegrove

No: 0

Excused: 2 - Ms. Lambert and Mr. McDermott

ATTEST:

Larry Phillips Chair

County County (Washington)

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Approved this day of a man, 201).

Dow Constantine, County Executive