



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

December 11, 2001

Motion 11345

Proposed No. 2001-0245.2

Sponsors Pelz, Sullivan, Phillips, Miller,
Gossett and Nickels

1 A MOTION declaring the intent of the King County
2 council to explore establishing a sister county relationship
3 with Granma, Cuba.

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WHEREAS, it is in the interest of King County to expand international relations
7 with counties and provinces in other nations that offer opportunities for cultural, social,
8 educational and economic enrichment of the citizens of King County, and

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WHEREAS, the people of King County travel the world extensively and have a
strong tradition of building economic and cultural ties with the people of other nations,
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WHEREAS, throughout the United States economic and policy institutions such
as the United States Chamber of Commerce and the United States Council on Foreign
Relations have supported expanding economic ties with Cuba, and

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WHEREAS, United States government bodies, including the state of
Pennsylvania and eight United States cities, including the city of Tacoma, have
established sister jurisdiction relationships with similar governments in Cuba, and

18 WHEREAS, last year an estimated one hundred forty thousand Americans,
19 including some three thousand four hundred businesses representatives traveled to Cuba,
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21 WHEREAS King County universities and colleges would benefit from academic
22 exchanges with their Cuban counterparts involving faculty, administrators and students,
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24 WHEREAS King County has established sister county relationships with
25 Kaohsiung County in the Republic of China and Hwasong County in the Republic of
26 Korea, and

27 WHEREAS, the official leadership of Granma Province, Cuba, has expressed a
28 strong interest in establishing a sister county relationship with King County, and

29 WHEREAS, Granma Province officials have invited a delegation of King County
30 officials, community and business leaders to visit Granma to explore the desirability of
31 establishing a sister county relationship, and

32 WHEREAS, Granma Province is similar in size to King County, is situated on a
33 salt water bay with mountainous regions and is home to eight hundred thousand residents,
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35 WHEREAS, King County is one of the most successful exporting regions in the
36 Unites States, making significant positive contributions to the United States's balance of
37 payments account, while providing thousands of jobs to King County residents, and

38 WHEREAS, to remain vibrant, the King County economy requires strong
39 international export markets for the sales of goods and services;

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

41 The metropolitan King County council endorses and supports exploratory efforts
42 to establish a sister county relationship with Granma Province, Cuba.

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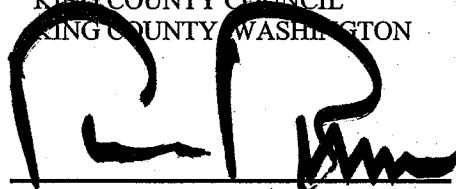
Motion 11345 was introduced on 4/30/01 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/10/01, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Miller, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Ms. Sullivan,
Mr. Nickels, Mr. Gossett and Ms. Patterson

No: 3 - Mr. McKenna, Mr. Pullen and Mr. Irons

Excused: 2 - Ms. Fimia and Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None