



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**September 10, 2002**

**Motion 11519**

**Proposed No.** 2002-0434.1

**Sponsors** Patterson

1                   A MOTION adopting policies in accordance with  
2                   Ordinance 14374, Section 13, relating to proposed changes  
3                   in district court operations and facilities.  
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6                   WHEREAS, King County Ordinance 14374, Section 13, directs the executive and  
7                   district court to submit proposed policies and criteria that will form the basis for any  
8                   proposed changes in district court operations and facilities to the King County council,  
9                   and

10                   WHEREAS, Ordinance 14374 also indicated the King County council's intent  
11                   that the proposed policies and criteria be reviewed by the regional policy committee, and

12                   WHEREAS, a process was initiated by the district court, whereby the district  
13                   court invited executive staff, cities and King County council staff to participate in  
14                   developing criteria for potential closure of district court facilities in 2003 and to  
15                   recommend accompanying policies;

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

17           A. It is in the best interest of all the citizens of King County to have an integrated  
18 court system that accommodates superior, district and municipal courts and that  
19 maximizes efficiency, effectiveness, customer service and accessibility, while  
20 minimizing cost. Wherever these needs are not met, it is the duty of the county and other  
21 stakeholders of the court system to work cooperatively in seeking viable solutions.

22           B. Recommendations for court facility closures in 2003 will be guided by the  
23 criteria contained in Attachment A to this motion, which were developed cooperatively  
24 between the cities, King County and the district court. These criteria shall be used to  
25 determine which court facility closures are of maximum benefit to the citizens of King  
26 County. These criteria include such factors as customer service, legal issues, workloads,  
27 facility conditions and geographic distribution of the facilities.

28           C. Recommendations for court facility closures beyond 2003 shall be developed  
29 utilizing a cooperative process involving the county executive, district court, and cities.  
30 Criteria governing future facility and operational changes should consider such factors as:  
31 customer service, legal issues, workloads, facility conditions and geographic distribution

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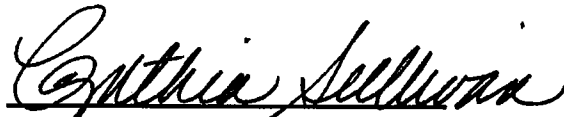
32 of the facilities, as well as any other factors determined to be appropriate by the  
33 participants.

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Motion 11519 was introduced on 9/3/2002 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/9/2002, by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Ms. Sullivan, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons and Ms. Patterson  
No: 1 - Mr. Pullen  
Excused: 1 - Ms. Edmonds

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments**      A. King County District Court Facility Evaluation Criteria and Data - 8-19-02

King County District Court  
Facility Evaluation Criteria and Data -- 8/19/02

	AUKEEN RJC	BELLEVUE	FEDERAL WAY	ISSAQUAH	NORTHEAST	RENTON	SEATTLE	SOUTHWEST	SHORELINE
1	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes
2	Yes/Yes	No	No	No	Yes/No*	No	X	Yes/Yes	No
3	2	2	0	2	2	0	X	3	3
4							No		
5	Yes*	No	No	Yes	No	No	X	No	No
6	No	No	No	Yes*	No	No	X	No	No
7	1	3*	0	4	5	0	0	2	2
8	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes
9	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes
10	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	X	No	No
11	2	0	1	3	2	1	X	3	3
12	No	Yes/2	No	Yes/1	No	Yes/1	X	No	Yes/1
13	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes
14	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	X	No	No
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\* new video installation

\*Lease w/ City of Kent through 6/03

\* City of Issaquah is set up as a Municipal Department.

\*Newcastle will file in Bellevue after 2002

Customer Service  
1 Are there ADA issues involved with the facility or access to the facility?

2 Does the facility house any Specialty Courts? If yes, can the Specialty courts be relocated with minimal impact?

3 Are there parking, transportation (Metro routes), or other access difficulties? 0=no problems with all of these, 3=no problems in these areas.

Legal  
4 Does closing the facility meet the boundary requirements of the Districting ordinance?

5 Is there a lease or bond payment or income associated with the facility?

6 Are there any city ordinances to be considered?

7 Number of contract cities in the division.

8 Is there a minimum of 2 judges (excluding portability) housed in the facility?

9 Is there a minimum of 10 clerks housed in the facility?

Facilities  
10 Would a jail courtroom be impacted by the closure?

11 Are there any structural or mechanical problems with the facility? 0=no problems with all of these, 3=no problems in these areas.

12 Is there excess capacity (unassigned courtrooms), and if so, how many?

13 Is there excess clerical space?

14 Is there another buyer or opportunity for use for this facility or property?

15 Geographical Distribution?