



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

April 7, 2003

Motion 11683

Proposed No. 2002-0550.2

Sponsors Gossett and Hague

1 A MOTION approving the reports, Law, Safety and Justice
2 Strategic Integration Plan and the LSJ Program
3 Alternatives Strategy and Approach.
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6 WHEREAS, the county is committed to protecting public safety and ensuring a
7 just, fair, efficient, effective and functioning criminal justice system, and

8 WHEREAS, services required by state law consist largely of those services
9 related to the criminal justice system, which is law enforcement, courts, adult and
10 juvenile detention, prosecution and indigent defense and some services related to public
11 health, and

12 WHEREAS, the elements of the county criminal justice system are the
13 responsibility of separately elected officials, including the executive, fifty-one superior
14 court judges, twenty-six district court judges, the prosecuting attorney and the sheriff, and

15 WHEREAS, within those operations, the county functions as a regional service
16 provider to municipal jurisdictions, particularly in the areas of detention, criminal
17 prosecution and the courts, and

18 WHEREAS, recent events have proven that effective access to criminal
19 information and criminal case management information improves the capabilities of law
20 enforcement and public safety officials, and

21 WHEREAS, both the federal and state governments have identified that the
22 ability for local governments to share information contributes to the success of broader
23 homeland security efforts, and

24 WHEREAS, almost three-quarters of the 2003 current expense budget is devoted
25 to the criminal justice system, and

26 WHEREAS, to balance a \$42 million deficit in the current expense budget over
27 the next two years, the county must therefore look for ways to reduce costs in the
28 criminal justice system, and

29 WHEREAS, in the 2003 budget, the council identified \$6.1 million of savings in
30 the department of adult and juvenile detention and strategically reinvested those savings
31 in activities that will continue to reduce growth in the costs of the county's criminal
32 justice system, including an investment of \$2 million in the law, safety and justice
33 strategic integration program, and

34 WHEREAS, the council recognizes that improvements and efficiencies in the
35 criminal justice system must be jointly developed by the elected officials responsible for
36 the separate elements of the system, and

37 WHEREAS, diligent analysis has identified opportunities in which quantified cost
38 savings may be realized through the improved management and sharing of criminal
39 justice information among and between the various county agencies, and including other
40 jurisdictions that interact with King County, and

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41 WHEREAS, to realize both the operational benefits and public safety capabilities
42 afforded by criminal justice information sharing, it is necessary for the county to establish
43 a comprehensive strategy regarding the goals, objectives and approach for justice
44 integration, and to establish a unified program to manage the county's strategy for
45 achieving these objectives;

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

47 The report, Law, Safety and Justice Strategic Integration Plan, Attachment A to

Motion 11683

48 this motion and the report, LSJ Integration Program Alternatives Strategy and Approach
49 dated November 5, 2002, Attachment B to this motion, are hereby approved.

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Motion 11683 was introduced on 11/12/2002 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 4/7/2003, by the following vote:

Yes: 11 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Phillips, Mr.
Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Mr. Irons and
Ms. Patterson

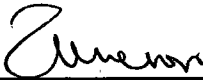
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Excused: 2 - Ms. Lambert and Mr. Pullen

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments A. Law, Safety and Justice Strategic Integration Plan, B. LSJ Program Alternatives
Strategy and Approach