



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**November 22, 2004**

**Motion 12047**

**Proposed No.** 2004-0548.1

**Sponsors** Phillips

1           A MOTION authorizing the chair of the council to execute  
2           a contract for the districting master appointed by the  
3           districting committee for the 2004-2005 districting process.  
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6           WHEREAS, King County Charter Amendment 1A (Ordinance 14767) approved  
7           by the voters at the November 2, 2004, general election will reduce the number of King  
8           County council members representing districts, and the number of council districts, from  
9           thirteen to nine, and make corresponding reductions in council voting requirements, and

10           WHEREAS, King County Charter Amendment 1A requires the preparation of a  
11           districting plan in 2004 according to the months and dates specified in Section 650.30 of  
12           the Charter, and

13           WHEREAS, Section 650.30.10 of the King County Charter provides that the  
14           boundaries of each district shall correspond as nearly as practical with the boundaries of  
15           the election precincts, municipalities and census tracts and shall be drawn to produce  
16           districts with compact and contiguous territory, composed of economic and geographic  
17           units and approximately equal in population, and

18 WHEREAS, Section 650.30.20 of the King County Charter provides for a five-  
19 member districting committee to which the council appoints the initial four persons to the  
20 committee, two from each of the two major political parties, and those four appoint a fifth  
21 person who shall serve as the chairman of the districting committee, and

22 WHEREAS, Section 650.30.20 of the King County Charter provides that the  
23 districting committee shall meet and appoint a districting master who shall be qualified  
24 by education, training and experience to draw a districting plan to assist the districting  
25 committee in its work, and

26 WHEREAS, King County Charter Amendment 1A as approved by the voters calls  
27 for the districting process of new council district boundaries to be completed by January  
28 15, 2005, and

29 WHEREAS, a contract for the professional consultant services of the districting  
30 master must be executed by the council chair, and is subject to council approval by  
31 motion if it is in excess of twenty five thousand dollars, and

32 WHEREAS, in order to meet the deadline for completing the districting process  
33 required by King County Charter Amendment 1A as approved by the voters, the council  
34 recognizes the need to expedite the process for executing a contract for the services of the  
35 districting master, and

36 WHEREAS, meeting the deadline constitutes an emergency under RCW  
37 39.04.280 that requires waiver of the lengthy formal competitive selection process  
38 generally utilized for professional consultant services;

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

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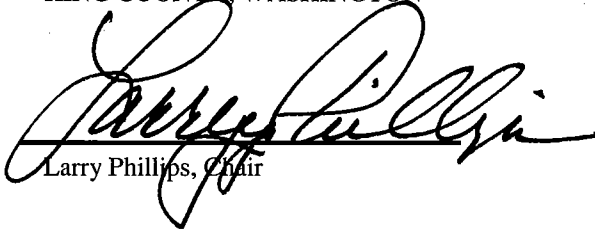
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40           The chair of the council is authorized to execute a contract for districting master  
41 services to the 2004-2005 districting committee with the person or professional services  
42 firm who is appointed by the districting committee and in an amount not to exceed thirty  
43 five thousand dollars.  
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Motion 12047 was introduced on 11/22/2004 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 11/22/2004, by the following vote:

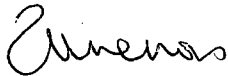
Yes: 13 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr.  
Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,  
Mr. Irons, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Constantine  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments**      None