



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

July 2, 2007

### Motion 12532

**Proposed No.** 2007-0274.1

**Sponsors** Gossett

1                   A MOTION confirming the executive's appointment of  
2                   Sherril Huff as director of the records, elections and  
3                   licensing services division in the King County department  
4                   of executive services.

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6                   WHEREAS, for more than nine months, the department of executive services  
7 ("DES") has gone to great lengths to fill the records, elections and licensing services  
8 division director position, and

9                   WHEREAS, in December 2006, DES hired Waldron and Company, an executive  
10 search firm, to launch an aggressive national search to fill the records, elections and  
11 licensing services division ("REALS") director position, and

12                   WHEREAS, in our search of similarly sized jurisdictions as King County, the best  
13 qualified and candidate most suited for the REALS director position is former, two-term  
14 Kitsap County auditor and current assistant director of REALS Ms. Sherril Huff, and

15                   WHEREAS, Ms. Huff was hired as the assistant director of REALS in February  
16 2005 following the historically close gubernatorial election of 2004 to provide seasoned

17 leadership in implementing numerous process improvements and management reforms,  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, during her tenure in this position she has demonstrated consistent  
20 professionalism and leadership for an organization experiencing significant change, and

21 WHEREAS, as the liaison to four external reviews of the organization, Sherril has  
22 overseen the implementation of recommendations which have helped rebuild public trust  
23 and confidence in King County elections both internally and with key stakeholders  
24 including the citizens' elections oversight committee, the Secretary of State and the King  
25 County Republican and Democratic political parties, and

26 WHEREAS, her contributions have provided positive cultural, organizational and  
27 procedural changes within the division since 2005, and

28 WHEREAS, having served two terms as Kitsap County Auditor, 1979 to 1986,  
29 Sherril has a unique and thorough understanding of elections laws, and

30 WHEREAS, in addition to her responsibilities as the county's chief elections  
31 officer, she oversaw licensing, archives and recording responsibilities and services, and

32 WHEREAS, with more than twenty-eight years of public-sector service, Sherril  
33 possesses a vast knowledge of state and local government agencies, and

34 WHEREAS, before joining King County elections in 2005, Sherril served as  
35 deputy mayor for the city of Bremerton where she is credited for establishing a  
36 foundation and team in the expansive waterfront revitalization project, and

37 WHEREAS, during her public service career, Sherril also served as executive  
38 director of the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council, assistant director of the

39 Washington State Lottery and was elected as a Bremerton City Council representative,  
40 and

41 WHEREAS, as King County transitions to all mail voting and other critical  
42 projects in each section of the division, it is critical we have a leader in place who is  
43 intimately familiar with our organization, Washington state election law and with the  
44 experience and qualifications to run a large organization during transition;

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

46 The county executive's appointment of Sherril Huff as director, records, elections

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47 and licensing services division in the King County department of executive services, is  
48 hereby confirmed.

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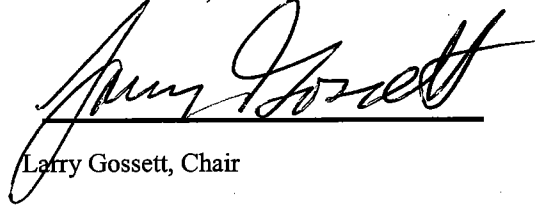
Motion 12532 was introduced on 5/7/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/2/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine

No: 0

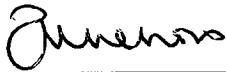
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments**      None