



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**July 10, 2007**

**Motion 12542**

**Proposed No.** 2007-0312.1

**Sponsors** Constantine, Phillips and Ferguson

1                   A MOTION establishing county policy to ensure the  
2                   constitutional guarantee of every citizen to cast a secret  
3                   ballot.

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5                   WHEREAS, the Washington state Constitution guarantees every citizen the right  
6                   to cast a secret ballot, and

7                   WHEREAS, state laws provide additional guarantees and guidance ensuring  
8                   every citizen the right to cast a secret ballot, and

9                   WHEREAS, King County might purchase and use new elections equipment that  
10                  has the capability to track individual mail ballot envelopes as well as individual ballots,  
11                  and

12                  WHEREAS, the public has expressed significant concerns that ballot-tracking  
13                  equipment could identify the ballots of individual voters;

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

15                  A. County policy is hereby established that no unique identifying numbers or  
16                  marks of any kind may be placed on ballots that could allow an individual voter to be  
17                  identified with a particular ballot; and

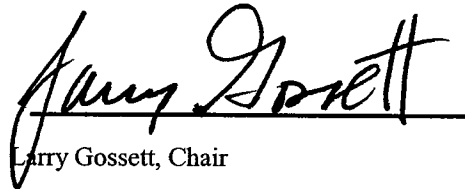
18           B. In the process of tabulating ballots and reporting elections results, the highest  
19 priorities of King County shall be to ensure an accurate vote count and to preserve the  
20 secrecy of individual ballots.

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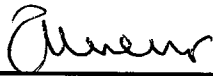
Motion 12542 was introduced on 5/21/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/9/2007, by the following vote:

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:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments      None