



Signature Report

November 9, 2009

Motion 13091

Proposed No. 2009-0584.2

Sponsors Ferguson, Constantine, Patterson,
Phillips, Gossett, Dunn and
Lambert

1 A MOTION supporting the city of Seattle in its proposal to
2 host the 2018/2022 Fédération Internationale de Football
3 Association (FIFA) World Cup™.

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5 WHEREAS, the city of Seattle is one of twenty-seven cities in the United States
6 being considered by the USA Bid Committee, Inc., to host the 2018 or 2022 Fédération
7 Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup™, and

8 WHEREAS, King County and the greater Seattle area have attracted large,
9 enthusiastic crowds for professional soccer matches since 1976, and

10 WHEREAS, the Seattle Sounders broke Major League Soccer attendance records
11 and merchandise sales in their first season, and

12 WHEREAS, more than one hundred twenty-five thousand young people actively
13 compete in soccer matches on over one thousand soccer fields in King County, including
14 fields in Seattle, Bellevue, Issaquah and cities throughout the county, and

15 WHEREAS, the FIFA World Cup™ will provide King County with a unique
16 opportunity to inspire new generations of soccer enthusiasts, while promoting the region's
17 commitment to recreation and sport, and

18 WHEREAS, hosting the FIFA World Cup™ will provide prosperity to the region,
19 as the United States received an estimated four billion dollars in economic benefits from
20 hosting the 1994 FIFA World Cup™, and

21 WHEREAS, soccer fans bring significant additional revenue to the host cities"
22 hotels, restaurants, shops and treasury, and

23 WHEREAS, King County is home to the training sites of Starfire Sports
24 Complex, located in Tukwila, Virginia Mason Athletic Center, located in Renton, and
25 Seattle University Soccer Stadium and the University of Washington Soccer Stadium,
26 located in Seattle, and

27 WHEREAS, the executive and council share a common goal of promoting King
28 County's stature, diversity, and economic vitality, which will be enhanced by hosting the
29 2018 or 2022 FIFA World Cup™, and

30 WHEREAS, the effectiveness of Seattle's proposal will be enhanced by support,
31 cooperation and information-sharing between the city of Seattle and King County;

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

33 A. King County should assist the city of Seattle in its pursuit to host the
34 2018/2022 FIFA World Cup™ and market King County, the greater Seattle region and
35 the United States, as an attractive host for an international soccer tournament; and

36 B. King County should look for and pursue opportunities to maximize the
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38 potential economic and cultural benefits to the region from these and all associated
39 activities.

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Motion 13091 was introduced on 10/12/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 11/9/2009, by the following vote:

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

No: 0

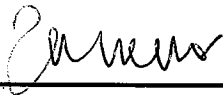
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None