



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

August 23, 2010

Motion 13283

Proposed No. 2010-0396.1

Sponsors Hague, Ferguson, Phillips and
Dunn

1 A MOTION affirming the value of the King County
2 citizens' elections oversight committee in maintaining
3 public confidence in elections and affirming the council's
4 intent to retain the services of the committee.

5 WHEREAS, the King County council has created three citizen's elections
6 oversight committees. The first was created in July 2003, the second was created in April
7 2005 and the current nonexpiring committee was created in May 2006, and

8 WHEREAS, the committees have submitted two lengthy reports as well as annual
9 reports, and

10 WHEREAS, the committees have made in excess of one hundred eighty
11 recommendations, nearly all of which have been implemented by King County or
12 addressed by changes in state or federal law, and

13 WHEREAS, many members of the original committee have continued to serve on
14 the second and third committees, and

15 WHEREAS, members of the citizens' elections oversight committees have
16 dedicated in excess of four thousand five hundred hours of unpaid service in monthly
17 meetings, observing elections, holding and attending public hearings, studying issues,
18 developing recommendations and writing reports, and

19 WHEREAS, the proper administration of elections is an essential function of
20 county government in Washington state, and

21 WHEREAS, fair and accurate elections are of the utmost importance to our
22 democratic society, and

23 WHEREAS, public confidence in the election process rests on voters' convictions
24 that the electoral process is secure, accurate and fair, and

25 WHEREAS, the King County citizens' elections oversight committees have made
26 excellent recommendations that have helped to restore trust in King County's ability to
27 conduct fair, accurate and secure elections, and

28 WHEREAS, the King County citizens' elections oversight committees have
29 helped King County to significantly improve its operations by providing valuable
30 oversight and advisory functions;

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

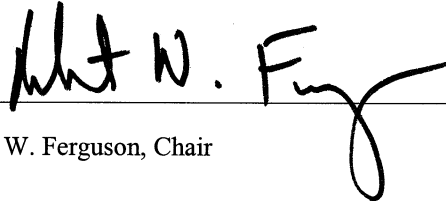
32 The metropolitan King County council expresses its sincere gratitude to citizens'
33 elections oversight committee members and the council states its request and intent for

34 the current committee to continue serving the public as an integral partner in maintaining
35 transparency, accountability and public confidence in county elections.
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Motion 13283 was introduced on 7/12/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 8/23/2010, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Drago, Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett,
Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:


Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None