



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 18, 2012

Motion 13732

Proposed No. 2012-0374.1

Sponsors McDermott

1 A MOTION relating to unincorporated area councils; and
2 rescinding Motions 8974, 9643, 9838, 9858, 9859, 9860,
3 9977 and 10708.

4 WHEREAS, in 1993, the council in Motion 8974 acknowledged the important
5 role that citizens may play in identifying ways to make unincorporated area government
6 more accessible and responsive to unincorporated King County citizens, and in that
7 motion created unincorporated area governance strategies committees in Covington and
8 Kenmore, and

9 WHEREAS, in December 1994, Executive Order PRE 7-1 (AEO) implemented
10 the Citizen Participation Initiative to enhance opportunities for public involvement and to
11 improve citizen access to information and services provided by King County government,
12 and

13 WHEREAS, the Citizen Participation Initiative recognized that unincorporated
14 area councils could provide effective and continuing opportunities for citizens to
15 participate in county government processes and decisions that affect their communities,
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the council in Motion 9643 supported the goals of the Citizen
18 Participation Initiative and provided policy direction by setting forth a process for formal
19 recognition of unincorporated area councils, and

20 WHEREAS, six unincorporated area councils were approved by the council in
21 1996, including North Highline Unincorporated Area Council in Motion 9838, West Hill
22 Community Council in Motion 9858, Vashon-Maury Island Community Council in
23 Motion 9859, Greater Maple Valley Area Council in Motion 9860, Four Creeks
24 Unincorporated Area Council in Motion 9977 and Upper Bear Creek Community
25 Council in Motion 10708, and

26 WHEREAS, the unincorporated area councils have provided an important
27 community voice to the county on matters affecting their communities for over fifteen
28 years, and

29 WHEREAS, Ordinance 17139 was enacted July 15, 2011, establishing a new
30 framework for public engagement in unincorporated areas of King County, and

31 WHEREAS, the council-adopted framework broadens the county's goals for
32 public engagement with unincorporated communities as required by the King County
33 Strategic Plan and supersedes the public engagement guidelines delineated in Executive
34 Order PRE-7-1 (AEO) and Motion 9643, and

35 WHEREAS, on April 19, 2012, Executive Order PRE 7-1 (AEO) was repealed by
36 Executive Order, and

37 WHEREAS, the Strategic Plan's public engagement goals encourage King County
38 to engage with a wide range of community based organizations including unincorporated
39 area councils, community councils, community development associations and other
40 community groups, and

41 WHEREAS, the engagement framework sets forth steps for improving
42 community engagement and interaction with residents of unincorporated King County,

43 including development of clearly defined community service areas, development of inter-
44 branch work programs supporting the service areas and convening public meetings in the
45 service areas, and

46 WHEREAS, the Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council, the Greater Maple
47 Valley Area Council, the North Highline Unincorporated Area Council, the Upper Bear
48 Creek community council, the Vashon-Maury Island Community Council and the West
49 Hill Community Council will no longer be recognized as official Unincorporated Area
50 Councils described in repealed Executive Order PRE-7-1 (AEO), and

51 WHEREAS, due to the new framework for public engagement in unincorporated
52 areas of King County included in Ordinance 17139, it is appropriate to rescind prior
53 motions that established the Citizens Participation Initiative and recognized specific
54 unincorporated area councils;

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

56 A. The unincorporated area councils have valuably served their communities and
57 the county for over fifteen years in keeping with the motions approving their creation and
58 the goals of the Citizen Participation Initiative. While the new community engagement
59 framework will no longer formally rely on unincorporated area councils or officially
60 recognize them as set forth in the former Citizen Participation Initiative, the county will
61 continue to work with the unincorporated area councils as well as other community
62 groups. The county commends the unincorporated area councils for their decades of
63 important service and for their continuing work as community-based organizations.

64 B. Motions 8974, 9643, 9838, 9858, 9859, 9860, 9977 and 10708 are hereby
65 rescinded.
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Motion 13732 was introduced on 9/10/2012 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 9/17/2012, by the following vote:

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

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None