



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

July 29, 2008

Ordinance 16221

Proposed No. 2008-0361.2

Sponsors Constantine, Gossett and Phillips

1 AN ORDINANCE proposing to amend Section 800 of the
2 King County Charter, to establish a process and signature
3 threshold for amendments to the King County Charter by
4 citizen initiative; and submitting the same to the voters of the
5 county for their ratification or rejection at the November
6 2008 general election.

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8 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

9 SECTION 1. There shall be submitted to the voters of King County for their
10 approval and ratification or rejection, at the next general election to be held in this county
11 occurring more than forty-five days after the enactment of this ordinance, an amendment
12 to Section 800 of the King County Charter as set forth herein:

13 **Section 800. Charter Review and Amendments.**

14 **800.10. Charter Review and Amendment.**

15 At least every ten years after the adoption of this charter, the county executive
16 shall appoint a citizen commission of not less than fifteen members whose mandate shall
17 be to review the charter and present, or cause to be presented, to the county council a

18 written report recommending those amendments, if any, which should be made to the
19 charter. This citizen commission shall be composed of at least one representative from
20 each of the county council districts. The county council may propose amendments to this
21 charter by enacting an ordinance to submit a proposed amendment to the voters of the
22 county at the next general election occurring more than forty-five days after the
23 enactment of the ordinance. An ordinance proposing an amendment to the charter shall
24 not be subject to the veto power of the county executive. Publication of a proposed
25 amendment and notice of its submission to the voters of the county shall be made in
26 accordance with the state constitution and general law. If the proposed amendment is
27 approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue, it shall become effective ten
28 days after the results of the election are certified unless a later date is specified in the
29 amendment.

30 **800.20. Charter Amendments by Citizen Initiative.**

31 Citizens of the county may propose an amendment to the charter by filing
32 initiative petitions with the county council bearing a number of signatures of registered
33 voters of the county equal to or greater than twenty percent of the votes cast for the office
34 of county executive at the last preceding election for county executive. The petitions
35 shall contain the full text of the proposed charter amendment. Publication of a proposed
36 amendment and notice of its submission to the voters shall be made in accordance with
37 the state constitution and general law. Submittal to the voters shall occur at the next
38 general election occurring more than one hundred thirty-five days after the petitions are
39 filed. Within ninety days after the petitions are filed, the county council may enact an
40 ordinance to submit a substitute charter amendment concerning the same subject matter

41 on the same ballot with the proposed amendment; and the voters shall first be given the
42 choice of accepting either or rejecting both and shall then be given the choice of
43 accepting one and rejecting the other. If a majority of the voters voting on the first issue
44 is for either, then the version receiving the majority of the votes cast on the second issue
45 shall be deemed approved. If a majority of those voting on the first issue is for rejecting
46 both, then neither version approved regardless of the vote on the second issue. Any
47 amendment that is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue becomes
48 effective ten days after the results of the election are certified unless a later date is
49 specified in the amendment.

50 SECTION 3. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the manager
51 of the elections division, in substantially the following form, with such additions,
52 deletions or modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:

53 Shall the King County Charter Section 800 be amended to establish a
54 process

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56 process and signature threshold for amendments to the King County

57 Charter by citizen initiative?

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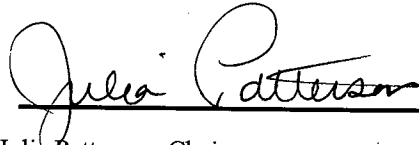
Ordinance 16221 was introduced on 6/30/2008 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/28/2008, by the following vote:

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

No: 0

Excused: 0

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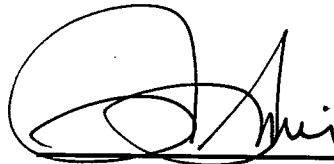
Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 7 day of August, 2008.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None

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