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November 29, 2007

The Honorable Larry Gossett
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
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Dear Councilmember Gossett:

This transmittal provides a comprehensive report on the ownership and support capabilities of VoteHere, the recommended software for ballot tracking and accountability in a vote-by-mail environment. This report is provided to council members in response to concerns raised regarding motion 2007-0328 and ordinance 15905 enacted on September 24, 2007.

Of the appropriation, \$345,000 shall be available for expenditure or encumbrance on VoteHere software only after the executive submits to the council, and the council indicates its concurrence, on a report that provides clear information on the corporate ownership of VoteHere software, technical assistance levels and assurances for the product and information on the physical presence of the corporation in the northwest including their availability to support the county on site.

The Council's continued involvement and support of King County Elections are greatly appreciated and vital to the successful transition to voting by mail.



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Sincerely,


for Ron Sims
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