



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**September 12, 2006**

**Motion 12337**

**Proposed No.** 2006-0410.2

**Sponsors** Phillips, Dunn, Lambert, Ferguson,  
Patterson, Gossett, Constantine,  
Hague and von Reichbauer

1                   A MOTION accepting the report, Report of the King  
2                   County Sheriff's Blue Ribbon Panel, dated September 11,  
3                   2006.

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6                   WHEREAS, the King County sheriff worked with the council, executive and  
7                   prosecutor to establish a "blue ribbon panel" to review the sheriff's office systems for  
8                   investigating employee misconduct, and

9                   WHEREAS, at the sheriff's request, the King County executive, the King County  
10                  council and the King County prosecutor appointed ten citizen members of the panel who  
11                  brought a rich and diverse set of perspectives, expertise and experience to their review  
12                  process, which included a cumulative total of ninety-six years of experience in law  
13                  enforcement, one hundred fifty-two years of experience in the law and judicial systems,  
14                  fifty years of experience in King County government and sixty-five years of experience  
15                  with labor issues, and

16                  WHEREAS, this expert, ten-member panel of volunteer citizens met ten times  
17                  over six months, held three public meetings, reviewed the sheriff's internal management

18 systems, model best practices, and heard testimony from labor, sheriff personnel and  
19 from the public to identify areas of needed change and ultimately make recommendations  
20 to the sheriff and the council on needed reforms, and

21 WHEREAS, the panel, with the support of consultant assistance and county staff  
22 help, have completed a detailed and thorough report documenting the panel's findings,  
23 conclusions and recommendations, and

24 WHEREAS, the panel requests that, by October 2006, the King County sheriff  
25 respond in detail to the panel regarding all findings, recommendations and implementing  
26 actions issued in this report, and

27 WHEREAS, the panel requests the county executive, council, prosecuting  
28 attorney and sheriff reconvene the panel no later than December 2007 for a progress  
29 report on implementation of the panel's recommendations, and

30 WHEREAS, the panel presented its report to the metropolitan King County  
31 council's committee-of-the-whole on September 11, 2006;

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

33 The Report of the King County Sheriff's Blue Ribbon Panel, dated September 11,  
34 2006, designated as Attachment A to this motion, is hereby accepted by the council with  
35 grateful appreciation for the tremendous work performed by the citizen panel members in  
36 addressing this difficult but important issue.

37 The council requests that the sheriff respond to the panel's findings,  
38 recommendations and implementing actions by October 31, 2006, and transmit copies of  
39 the response to the chair and members of the metropolitan King County council. The

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40 council also intends to work with the county executive, prosecutor and sheriff to re-  
41 convene the panel in December 2007.

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Motion 12337 was introduced on 9/11/2006 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/11/2006, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague and Ms. Patterson  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Mr. Constantine

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments**      A. Report of King County Sheriff's Blue Ribbon Panel, September 11, 2006