



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**November 24, 2015**

**Motion 14474**

**Proposed No. 2015-0510.1**

**Sponsors** Gossett, Dembowski, Upthegrove,  
Dunn, Phillips, Lambert, McDermott, von  
Reichbauer and Hague

1           A MOTION committing to collaboration by King County  
2           with 4Culture on an arts, preservation and cultural equity  
3           program to promote "one county" and equity and social  
4           justice goals.

5           WHEREAS, King County has adopted a Strategic Plan - "Working Together for  
6 One King County," and

7           WHEREAS, King County has transformed its work on equity and social justice  
8 from an initiative to an integrated effort that applies the countywide strategic plan's  
9 principle of "fair and just" intentionally in all the county does in order to achieve  
10 equitable opportunities for all people, and

11           WHEREAS, in order to truly become "one county" it is critical to engage all  
12 communities in a manner that promotes and fosters trust among people across  
13 geographic, race, class and gender lines resulting in more effective policies, processes  
14 and services, and

15           WHEREAS, 4Culture strives to address equity and social justice consistent with  
16 the goals of King County, and

17 WHEREAS, arts, preservation and cultural organizations add to the economic  
18 vibrancy of the region including playing a central role in our economy, and benefiting  
19 local businesses, residents and tourists, and

20 WHEREAS, King County and 4Culture have successfully partnered in the  
21 creation of the Building for Culture Program, and

22 WHEREAS, the success of arts, preservation and cultural organizations depends  
23 on the ability of all people and all communities to contribute and to the removal of  
24 barriers that limit the ability of community members to fulfill their potential; and

25 WHEREAS, King County and 4Culture recognize that the growing diversity of  
26 the population of King County positively creates opportunities for all residents of the  
27 county to experience the cultural traditions and forms of expression that are specific to  
28 new communities, thereby increasing understanding of our commonalities, not our  
29 differences, and

30 WHEREAS, King County and 4Culture are jointly committed to furtherance of  
31 implementing "one county" goals in a manner that integrates arts, preservation and  
32 cultural equity and to work toward fairness and opportunity for all, and

33 WHEREAS, strategic infusions of either operating or capital funding can make  
34 the difference between success or failure of an arts, preservation or cultural organization,  
35 and

36 WHEREAS, 4Culture is committed to reserving one million dollars of its funds  
37 for the future implementation of an arts, preservation and cultural equity program;

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

39           A. King County is committed to working with 4Culture as partners on an arts,  
40 preservation and cultural equity program to be administered by 4Culture.

41           B. King County respectfully asks 4Culture to collaborate with the county in  
42 developing a plan to ensure that historically underserved local arts, preservation and  
43 cultural organizations throughout King County have the ability to thrive, and reserving  
44 one million dollars in 4Culture's financial plan to achieve the plan.

45           C. King County further respectfully requests the 4Culture Board to develop a  
46 plan for implementation to be transmitted to the county council by motion by March 1,  
47 2016, on how to utilize that one-million-dollar reserve to provide grant funding, for

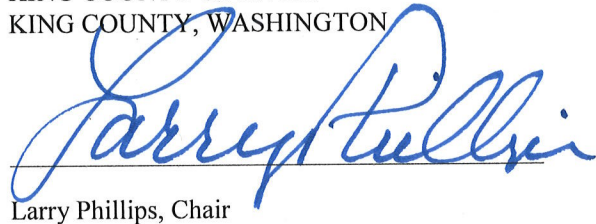
48 operational or capital activities, or a combination or both, in support of arts, preservation  
49 or cultural activities and furtherance of "one county" and equity and social justice goals.

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Motion 14474 was introduced on 11/23/2015 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/23/2015, by the following vote:

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

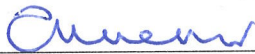
KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

**Attachments:** None