



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**September 6, 2006**

**Motion 12334**

**Proposed No.** 2006-0387.1

**Sponsors** Dunn, Ferguson, Patterson, Hague  
and Lambert

1           A MOTION declaring the intent of the King County  
2           council to approve by June 1, 2009, an ordinance to submit  
3           a proposed charter amendment to King County voters  
4           concerning an elected county auditor and requesting  
5           recommendations from a charter review commission on  
6           certain matters related to an elected auditor.

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9           WHEREAS, the duty of supervising elections in King County has been assigned  
10          to the director of the department of records and elections, now the records, elections and  
11          licensing services division of the department of executive services of King County, a  
12          nonelective office, since the charter was established in 1969, and

13          WHEREAS, in its March 2006 Report on King County Elections, the citizens'  
14          election oversight committee recommended, as one of its top six recommendations, that  
15          elections in King County be conducted by a non-partisan elected county auditor, and

16          WHEREAS, in its February 28, 2006, Final Report, the King County independent  
17          task force on elections recommended having an elected auditor and that the charter

18 review commission to be appointed in 2006 consider the issue of an elected versus an  
19 appointed county auditor, and

20 WHEREAS, on June 19, 2006, the county council adopted Ordinance 15523,  
21 authorizing vote-by-mail elections in King County beginning in 2007 or 2008 after  
22 certain conditions have been met, including the appointment and confirmation of a  
23 director of records, elections and licensing services and a superintendent of elections, and

24 WHEREAS, proposing a charter amendment to provide for an elected auditor to  
25 the voters this year will likely hinder the county's ability to immediately appoint and  
26 confirm a well-qualified professional for the position of director of records, elections and  
27 licensing services who can ensure continued implementation of critical, time-sensitive  
28 recommendations from the independent task force on elections, the Elections Center and  
29 the citizens' election oversight committee;

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

31 A. It is the intent of the King County council to approve by June 1, 2009, an  
32 ordinance submitting a proposed charter amendment to King County voters at the general  
33 election on November 3, 2009, asking the voters if the office of elected county auditor  
34 responsible for voter registration and for conducting general and special elections in the  
35 county, should be established.

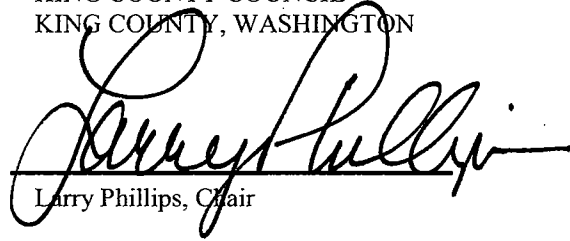
36 B. Upon the formation of a charter review commission in 2006, the commission  
37 is requested to evaluate and make recommendations on whether the office of elected  
38 auditor should be partisan or nonpartisan, and what specific functions, if any, besides

39 voter registration and conducting general and special elections should be under the  
40 administration of the elected auditor.  
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Motion 12334 was introduced on 8/28/2006 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/5/2006, by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague and Ms. Patterson  
No: 3 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. Gossett and Mr. Constantine  
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Phillips, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments      None