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| **Agenda Item:** | 6 | **Name:** | Lise Kaye |
| **Proposed No**.: | 2016-0109 | **Date:** | March 8, 2016 |

**SUBJECT**

A motion to approve the 2016 work program for the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee.

**BACKGROUND**

Motion 14502 outlined the organizational structure for the Council for 2016. The Government Accountability and Oversight (GAO) Committee was charged with the following tasks:

* *Improving the efficiency, cost effectiveness, and performance of all branches of county government (legislative, executive and judicial);*
* *Enhancing oversight, accountability, and transparency in King County government, the office of law enforcement oversight, the annual county audit program and federal, state or county audit reports, the administration of the Public Records Act, civil rights and compliance, capital projects oversight, strategic planning, performance measurement and performance management, management organizational structure and technology management; and*
* *General government oversight, including customer service, worker safety, the department of assessments; elections; records and licensing; animal control; cable communications; the county fair; King County international airport; risk management; veterans, and executive services such as telecommunications, facilities management, purchasing and real property management.*
* *In the areas within the committee's purview, the committee shall track state and federal legislative action and develop recommendations on policy direction for the biennial budget.*

Attachment 1 contains a draft work program that lists priority issues for the committee based on eight issue areas. The committee reviewed the work program at its January 26, 2016 meeting.

1. **Technology Oversight and Monitoring.** Review activities, reports, policy proposals, and plans for King County’s use of technology to improve delivery of public services.
2. **Human Resources Oversight.** Review and make recommendations to the full Council on issues related to King County employees and human resources issues.
3. **King County Auditor’s Office.** Review the work of the King County Auditor as outlined in Motion 14274.
4. **Elections Oversight.** Review and make recommendations to the full Council on Elections operations.
5. **Taxi, Car Sharing and For-Hire Oversight.** Review and make recommendations to the full Council on taxicab, ride sharing and for-hire services.
6. **King County Airport.** Review and make recommendations to the full Council on operations and future planning for the King County Airport.
7. **King County boards and commissions.** Review and make recommendations to the full Council on appointments to boards and commissions that provide direct citizen oversight of County functions.
8. **Government Oversight, Accountability and Transparency.** Review and provide guidance on issues and projects that could enhance government accountability and transparency.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Motion 2016-0109 with Attachment A. 2016 GAO Work Program