

## **KING COUNTY**

## Signature Report

July 29, 2008

## Ordinance 16221

	<b>Proposed No.</b> 2008-0361.2	Sponsors Constantine, Gossett and Phillips
1	AN ORDINANCE	proposing to amend Section 800 of the
2	King County Char	ter, to establish a process and signature
3	threshold for amer	dments to the King County Charter by
4	citizen initiative; a	nd submitting the same to the voters of the
5	county for their rat	ification or rejection at the November
6	2008 general elect	on.
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8	BE IT ORDAINED BY T	HE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:
9	SECTION 1. There shall	be submitted to the voters of King County for their
10	approval and ratification or reject	ion, at the next general election to be held in this county
11	occurring more than forty-five da	ys after the enactment of this ordinance, an amendment
12	to Section 800 of the King Count	y Charter as set forth herein:
13	Section 800. Charter Re	view and Amendments.
14	800.10. Charter Review	and Amendment.
15	At least every ten years af	ter the adoption of this charter, the county executive
16	shall appoint a citizen commission	n of not less than fifteen members whose mandate shall
17	be to review the charter and prese	nt, or cause to be presented, to the county council a

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18	written report recommending those amendments, if any, which should be made to the
19	charter. This citizen commission shall be composed of at least one representative from
20	each of the county council districts. The county council may propose amendments to this
21	charter by enacting an ordinance to submit a proposed amendment to the voters of the
22	county at the next general election occurring more than forty-five days after the
23	enactment of the ordinance. An ordinance proposing an amendment to the charter shall
24	not be subject to the veto power of the county executive. Publication of a proposed
25	amendment and notice of its submission to the voters of the county shall be made in
26	accordance with the state constitution and general law. If the proposed amendment is
27	approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue, it shall become effective ten
28	days after the results of the election are certified unless a later date is specified in the
29	amendment.
30	800.20. Charter Amendments by Citizen Initiative.
31	Citizens of the county may propose an amendment to the charter by filing
32	initiative petitions with the county council bearing a number of signatures of registered
33	voters of the county equal to or greater than twenty percent of the votes cast for the office
34	of county executive at the last preceding election for county executive. The petitions

35 shall contain the full text of the proposed charter amendment. Publication of a proposed

36 amendment and notice of its submission to the voters shall be made in accordance with

37 the state constitution and general law. Submittal to the voters shall occur at the next

38 general election occurring more than one hundred thirty-five days after the petitions are

39 filed. Within ninety days after the petitions are filed, the county council may enact an

40 ordinance to submit a substitute charter amendment concerning the same subject matter

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41	on the same ballot with the proposed amendment; and the voters shall first be given the
42	choice of accepting either or rejecting both and shall then be given the choice of
43	accepting one and rejecting the other. If a majority of the voters voting on the first issue
44	is for either, then the version receiving the majority of the votes cast on the second issue
45	shall be deemed approved. If a majority of those voting on the first issue is for rejecting
46	both, then neither version approved regardless of the vote on the second issue. Any
47	amendment that is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue becomes
48	effective ten days after the results of the election are certified unless a later date is
49	specified in the amendment.
50	SECTION 3. The clerk of the council shall certify the proposition to the manager
51	of the elections division, in substantially the following form, with such additions,
52	deletions or modifications as may be required by the prosecuting attorney:
53	Shall the King County Charter Section 800 be amended to establish a
54	process
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56 process and signature threshold for amendments to the King County

57 Charter by citizen initiative?

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Ordinance 16221 was introduced on 6/30/2008 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/28/2008, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Ms. Patterson, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Constantine, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Hague No: 0 Excused: 0

> KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:

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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 7 day of August, 2008.

Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments

None

