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**KING COUNTY** 

1200 King County Courthouse 516 Third Avenue Seattle, WA 98104

# Signature Report

December 8, 2008

### Ordinance 16324

**Proposed No.** 2008-0544.2 Sponsors Gossett and von Reichbauer AN ORDINANCE approving temporary additional King County agency tenants to occupy the Chinook building located on Fifth Avenue and Jefferson Street in Seattle; expressing the intent that the executive and council be collocated in the King County courthouse in the future; and amending Ordinance 15390, Section 2, as amended, and Ordinance 15390, Section 5, as amended. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY **SECTION 1. Findings:** A. The King County space plan states that the county should move from dependence on short-term leased space in the downtown Seattle area to owned or long term leased space when this will provide a long term cost benefit to the county and that the county backfill vacated spaces in county-owned buildings by moving agencies from

15 leased space.

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16	B. The office of the executive, office of management and budget, office of		
17	business relations and economic development and department of executive services,		
18	administration, currently lease space in the Columbia Center.		
19	C. The King County executive has identified that significant cost savings will be		
20	achieved by terminating the leases for space in the Columbia Center and temporarily		
21	moving the office of the executive, office of management and budget and department of		
22	executive services, administration, to vacant space in the county's Chinook Building and		
23	moving the office of business relations and economic development to the county's Yesler		
24	Building. The move of the executive and office of management and budget to the		
25	Chinook Building would be a temporary measure until criminal justice planning efforts		
26	and budgetary constraints allow for the colocation of the executive and council in a		
27	county-owned building.		
28	D. Ordinance 15390 established a list of final King County agencies authorized		
29	to occupy the Chinook Building and provided that no other county agency shall be		
30	located in the building unless authorized by ordinance.		
31	E. Ordinance 15390 further provided that the executive shall submit a list of any		
32	such proposed additional agencies.		
33	F. Ordinance 15390 also indicated that certain executive offices were to remain		
34	in Columbia Center until they could be relocated to the King County courthouse		
35	following the completion of criminal justice planning efforts.		
36	G. In response to budget shortfalls facing the county, the executive directed that a		
37	comprehensive capital improvement projects prioritization analysis be completed. In		
38	addition to identifying the capital projects that could be deferred to save costs, this		

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39	process also lead to identification of the significant savings to be achieved by terminating		
40	the Columbia Center leases and moving those county agencies to other county owned		
41	spaces. While the intent remains to colocate the executive with the council in a county-		
42	owned building, temporarily relocating the executive and office of management and		
43	budget makes economic sense now even before completion of the criminal justice		
44	planning efforts that may lead to a colocation option. Given the magnitude of the county		
45	budget shortfalls and the cost savings achievable by the termination of the Columbia		
46	Center leases, it is in the best interests of the county for office of the executive, office of		
47	management and budget and department of executive services, administration, to relocate		
48	to vacant space in the Chinook Building.		
49	SECTION 2. Ordinance 15390, Section 2, as amended, is hereby amended to		
50	read as follows:		
51	The final King County agency tenants authorized to occupy the Chinook Building		
52	shall be:		
53	Agency	<b>Current Location</b>	
54	DES Finance	Exchange Building	
55	DES ITS (not including data center)	Key Tower	
56	DCHS	Exchange Building	
57	DCHS Crisis and Commitment	Bank of California	
58	DPH	Wells Fargo	
59	DPH	Lynn Trust	
60	DES/BOE	Administration Building	

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62	((Office of Business Relations and Economic Development	Columbia Center))	
63	Council Ombudsman	Yesler Building	
64	Department of Executive Services /Administration	Columbia Center	
65	Office of Management and Budget	Columbia Center	
66	Office of the Executive	Columbia Center	
67	SECTION 3. Ordinance 15390, Section 5, as amended	, is hereby amended to	
68	read as follows:		
69	The move of the executive and office of management a	nd budget to the Chinook	
70	Building is deemed temporary. Upon completion of the law justice planning efforts		
71	currently underway, the executive shall relocate his offices ((currently in the Columbia		
72	Center,)) and be ready to conduct county business, in the count	y courthouse. (( <del>The</del>	
73	offices currently in the Columbia Center include the executive,	the office of management	
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75 and budget ("OMB"), DES/administration director, business relations and economic

development ("BRED") and office of information and resource management ("OIRM").)) 76

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Ordinance 16324 was introduced on 10/13/2008 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/8/2008, by the following vote:

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

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON Hurso KINS 8002 Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this <sup>2</sup> '≻ day of 2008.

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Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments

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