



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

November 17, 2009

Motion 13093

Proposed No. 2009-0616.2

Sponsors Ferguson

1 A MOTION establishing a process for appointing a
2 councilmember to represent council district eight in the
3 event of a vacancy in the office.

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5 WHEREAS, the King County council is committed to principles of good
6 government and the transparency of its proceedings, and

7 WHEREAS, if the councilmember currently representing council district eight is
8 elected to serve and takes office as county executive, a vacancy will result in council
9 district eight, and

10 WHEREAS, to minimize the time that the residents of council district eight would
11 be without council representation, should a vacancy occur, the King County council
12 wishes to act quickly to appoint a councilmember to fill the vacancy, and

13 WHEREAS, the King County council under the county charter may fill the
14 vacancy by appointment of an individual to serve as the councilmember representing
15 council district eight until a successor is elected and qualified at the November 2010
16 general election, and

17 WHEREAS, the challenges facing an appointed councilmember during the
18 intervening months before the 2010 primary and general elections will be substantial in
19 view of the ongoing financial crisis that the county, the state and the nation are facing,
20 and

21 WHEREAS, an appointed councilmember will need to have a solid
22 understanding of the issues impacting King County and the ability to work with labor,
23 business, environmental and other constituencies within council district eight;

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

25 A. In order to preserve public confidence in the selection process, an advisory
26 committee is hereby established for the purpose of reviewing eligible candidates for
27 appointment to the office of councilmember representing council district eight.

28 B. The advisory committee shall establish an expedited process that will facilitate
29 prompt appointment of a councilmember to represent council district eight.

30 C. The advisory committee shall include representatives reflecting the
31 geographic, economic and ethnic diversity of council district eight.

32 D. The appointed members of the advisory committee are:

- 33 1. Anne Levinson, cochair;
- 34 2. Mark Okazaki, cochair;
- 35 3. Aileen Balahadia;
- 36 4. Steve Daschle;
- 37 5. Tom Dean;
- 38 6. David Johnson;
- 39 7. Joan McGilton;

- 40 8. Patti Mullen;
- 41 9. Behnaz Nelson;
- 42 10. Kathy Nyland;
- 43 11. Doug Osterman; and
- 44 12. Chris Porter.

45 E. Qualified individuals wishing to be considered for appointment to serve as
46 appointed councilmember representing council district eight shall submit to the clerk of
47 the council, no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 23, 2009, a resume, a brief written
48 explanation of how they meet the criteria stated in section I of this motion, a statement of
49 whether they intend to run for election as councilmember representing council district
50 eight and three references with contact information. The materials may be submitted by
51 email, but candidates should confirm by phone that their materials have been received.

52 F. The clerk shall promptly assemble the application materials provided by each
53 candidate and provide copies of those application materials to the advisory committee
54 and each councilmember.

55 G. The chair of the council shall schedule the meeting of the committee after
56 consultation with the committee cochairs.

57 H. No later than December 3, 2009, the advisory committee shall: hold a
58 meeting to interview the qualified individuals who have submitted materials as provided
59 in subsection E. of this motion; and provide to each councilmember and the clerk of the
60 council its written recommendation of three to six candidates for consideration by the
61 council.

62 1. The advisory committee's recommendations shall include at least one
63 candidate who does not intend to run for election as councilmember representing council
64 district eight and at least one candidate who does intend to run for election as
65 councilmember representing council district eight, assuming qualified candidates apply
66 who meet these criteria.

67 2. The advisory committee's written recommendations shall include observations
68 about the strengths of each recommended candidate, but shall not include any stated
69 preferences among the recommended candidates.

70 3. The recommendations shall not limit the council's authority under the King
71 County Charter to appoint any citizen who meets the qualifications for office.

72 I. Evaluation criteria to be used by the advisory committee shall include, but not
73 be limited to:

- 74 1. Knowledge of the functions of King County government;
- 75 2. Knowledge of the issues and challenges facing King County government;
- 76 3. Knowledge of the issues affecting the constituents of council district eight;
- 77 4. A demonstrated ability to develop a responsible budget;
- 78 5. A demonstrated ability to respond to public concerns; and
- 79 6. Demonstrated leadership skills.

80 J. The committee of the whole will interview the candidates recommended by the
81 advisory committee and consider a motion appointing a qualified individual to serve as
82 councilmember representing council district eight until a successor is elected and
83 qualified at the November 2010 general election.

84 K. No later than December 14, 2009, the council shall act on the appointment
85 motion referred to in subsection J. of this motion.

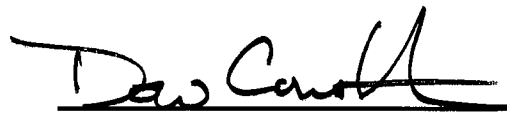
86 L. Because of the Municipal League's long record of public service in reviewing
87 candidates for election, the Municipal League is encouraged to review the candidates
88 presented for consideration to the committee and to provide any recommendations in
89 writing to each councilmember and the clerk of the council.

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Motion 13093 was introduced on 11/9/2009 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 11/16/2009, by the following vote:

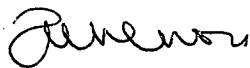
Yes: 5 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Patterson
No: 4 - Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer and Mr. Dunn
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None