



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

July 28, 2009

Ordinance 16611

Proposed No. 2009-0431.2

Sponsors Patterson

1 AN ORDINANCE limiting King County's participation
2 in the Auburn Revitalization Area; and declaring an
3 emergency.
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5 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

6 SECTION 1. Findings:

7 A. King County has received notification from the city of Auburn of the city's
8 intent to create a Revitalization Area as recently authorized under Chapter 270, Laws of
9 Washington 2009.

10 B. As set forth in Chapter 270, Laws of Washington 2009, local taxing
11 jurisdictions that levy regular property or local sales and use taxes in the proposed
12 Revitalization Area are automatic participants in the revitalization areas unless contrary
13 notification is provided to the initiating jurisdiction before formal action by the initiating
14 jurisdiction to create the Revitalization Area. The city of Auburn indicates that formal
15 action will be taken on August 3, 2009.

16 C. Automatic local jurisdiction participants pledge seventy-five percent of
17 regular property tax increases resulting from new construction in the Revitalization Area
18 to repayment of debt issued to fund public improvements in the area.

19 D. King County's general fund faces substantial budget shortfalls for the
20 foreseeable future. Allowing the diversion of property and sales tax revenues during this
21 budget crisis would exacerbate the current funding crisis. Given the limited time for the
22 county to notify the city of its intent to opt out of the Auburn Revitalization Area, a
23 declaration of an emergency is warranted.

24 SECTION 2. Through this ordinance, King County removes itself as a
25 participating taxing district for the Auburn Revitalization Area. By this action, King
26 County removes the county regular property tax levy, the road district levy, the
27 conservation futures levy, the transit levy and the emergency medical services levy from
28 the Auburn Revitalization Area and will not pledge any King County local property tax
29 allocation revenues to the Auburn Revitalization Area.

30 SECTION 3. Through this ordinance, King County will not participate as a local
31 government in the Auburn Revitalization Area. By this action, King County will not
32 allow the use of any local sales and use tax imposed by King County to be used for the
33 Auburn Revitalization Area.

34 SECTION 4. Notification to City of Auburn of withdrawal from
35 **Revitalization Area.** The clerk of the council is hereby directed to send a notice to Ms.
36 Dani Daskam, the Auburn City Clerk that King County has removed all King County
37 taxing districts as participating taxing districts in the Auburn Revitalization Area. The
38 notice shall also indicate that King County has removed itself as a participating local

39 government in the Auburn Revitalization Areas. The notice shall indicate that the county
40 will not pledge local property tax allocation revenues or local sales and use taxes to the
41 Auburn Revitalization Area. The clerk of the council shall attach a copy of this
42 ordinance with the notice and ensure that notice is received by the Auburn city clerk no
43 later than 4:30 p.m., July 31, 2009.

44 SECTION 5. The council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists
45 and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health
46 or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions.

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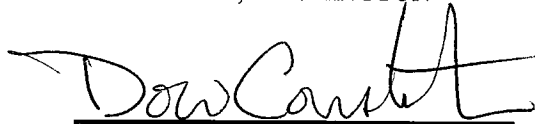
Ordinance 16611 was introduced on 7/13/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 7/27/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr.
Gossett, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Dunn

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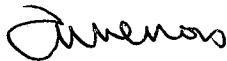
Excused: 2 - Ms. Lambert and Ms. Patterson

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None