



**King County
Metropolitan King County Council**

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item No.:	9	Date:	14 Nov 2011
Proposed Motion No.:	2011-0454	Prepared by:	Nick Wagner

SUMMARY

Proposed Motion 2011-0454 (pp. 3-4 of these materials) would make an appointment to fill the vacancy in the position of state senator for the 46th Legislative District.

BACKGROUND

The 46th Legislative District is located in north Seattle, extending north to 145th Street, west to Puget Sound, and east to Lake Washington, and with a southern border that extends from Carkeek Park to Green Lake to the University of Washington (*see* map at p. 5 of these materials). The district includes the neighborhoods of Greenwood, Northgate, Lake City, and Laurelhurst, among others.

The death of Scott White, the state senator representing the 46th Legislative District and a former member of the Council staff, has created a vacancy in the senate seat for the district.

The Washington State Constitution provides in part, in article II, section 15:

VACANCIES IN LEGISLATURE AND IN PARTISAN COUNTY ELECTIVE OFFICE. Such vacancies as may occur in either house of the legislature or in any partisan county elective office shall be filled by appointment by the county legislative authority of the county in which the vacancy occurs: *Provided*, That the person appointed to fill the vacancy must be from the same legislative district, county, or county commissioner or council district and the same political party as the legislator or partisan county elective officer whose office has been vacated, and shall be one of three persons who shall be nominated by the county central committee of that party

As King County's legislative authority, the Council is responsible for making an appointment to fill the vacancy in the senate seat for the 46th Legislative District.

In accordance with the state constitution, the King County Democratic Central Committee ("KCDCC") has nominated the following candidates to fill the current

vacancy. The nominees are listed in order of preference, based on the number of votes that each received from the precinct committee officers (PCOs) of the 46th District Democratic Organization. This order of preference was subsequently unanimously ratified by the King County Democratic Central Committee.

1. David Frockt (69 votes);
2. David Miller (10 votes);
3. Tony Provine (6 votes).

This information was provided to the Council in a letter dated November 11 from Steve Zemke, chair of the King County Democratic Central Committee (included in these materials at p. 7).

Biographical information provided by the nominees is included in these materials at pp. 9-20.

AMENDMENT

In its current form, the proposed motion has blanks for the number of nominees and the name of the person to be appointed. It is anticipated that there will be an oral amendment to fill in these blanks.

INVITEES

1. David Frockt
2. David Miller
3. Tony Provine

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