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1 **STRIKING AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED MOTION 2009-0188, VERSION 1**

2 On page 1, beginning on line 4, strike everything through page 5, line 89, and insert:

3 "WHEREAS, the King County council is committed to principles of good
4 government and the transparency of its proceedings, and

5 WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the King County executive will shortly resign
6 the executive's elected office for a federal position, and

7 WHEREAS, the King County council has the duty under the county charter to fill
8 the resulting vacancy in the office of executive by appointment of an individual to serve
9 as executive until the executive's successor is elected and qualified at the November 2009
10 general election, and

11 WHEREAS, the Washington state Attorney General's office has opined that a
12 board of county commissioners may not appoint one of their members to a vacant
13 position that they have the duty to fill, and

14 WHEREAS, the challenges facing an appointed county executive during the
15 intervening months before a November election will be enormous and are expected to
16 include substantial budget shortfalls, and

17 WHEREAS, criminal justice and public safety programs are likely to be the most
18 severely impacted by those budget shortfalls, and

19 WHEREAS, strong leadership by the King County executive will be essential to
20 securing "life boat" funding and ensuring that the county accesses appropriate federal
21 stimulus package funds, and

22 WHEREAS, the King County executive is considered to be one of the highest
23 ranking elected officials in Washington state, and

24 WHEREAS, the Municipal League of King County has published ratings of
25 candidates for public office, reviewed and made recommendations on proposed ballot
26 measures, and closely monitored the workings of local government for almost a century,
27 and

28 WHEREAS, it will be critically important for an appointed county executive to
29 focus attention on the business of King County rather than the demands of campaigning
30 for office, and

31 WHEREAS, in order to expedite a difficult budget process, an interim county
32 executive will need to have strong ties and relationships with the state Legislature, other
33 governments, transportation groups, environmental groups, labor groups and suburban
34 cities within King County;

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

36 A. In order to preserve public confidence in the selection process for an
37 appointed county executive, a blue ribbon selection committee is hereby established for
38 the express purpose of reviewing eligible candidates for appointment to the office of

39 county executive. The committee shall establish an expedited process that will facilitate
40 prompt appointment of an executive.

41 B. The committee shall consist of citizen members representing the economic,
42 geographic and ethnic diversity of the county, together with members representing the
43 county's criminal justice and public safety systems.

44 C. The appointed members are:

45 1. Citizen members:

46 a. Norm Rice, Cochair;

47 b. Suzette Cooke, Cochair;

48 c. Becky Cox;

49 d. Joan Crooks;

50 e. Adrian Diaz;

51 f. David Freiboth;

52 g. Beretta Gomillion;

53 h. Nancy Hutto;

54 i. Sharon Maeda;

55 j. Ted Choi Tam;

56 k. Bob Wallace;

57 l. Tayloe Washburn; and

58 2. Members representing the county's criminal justice and public safety

59 systems:

60 a. Bruce Hilyer;

61 b. Barbara Linde:

- 62 c. Sue Rahr; and
- 63 d. Dan Satterberg.

64 D. Candidates for review shall be those nominated by three or more King County
65 councilmembers by written memorandum to the clerk of the council within three days of
66 the passage of this motion. The memorandum may be submitted by email. Each
67 councilmember may nominate no more than two individuals. Each candidate nominated
68 by at least three councilmembers shall submit a resume, supporting documentation and
69 three references with contact information to the clerk of the council. The clerk shall
70 forward to the council and the committee the names of each individual receiving a
71 nomination from at least three councilmembers.

72 E. The clerk shall assemble the application materials for each candidate and
73 provide those application materials directly to the committee.

74 F. Within one week of a vacancy occurring in the office of county executive, the
75 committee shall hold a meeting to interview candidates and shall forward to the King
76 County council its top two to five recommendations. The chair of the council shall
77 schedule the meeting of the committee after consultation with the committee cochairs.
78 The recommendations shall not limit the council's authority under the King County
79 Charter to appoint any citizen meeting the qualifications for office.

80 G. Evaluation criteria for the blue ribbon selection committee shall include, but
81 not be limited to:

- 82 1. Knowledge of the functions of King County government;
- 83 2. Knowledge of the issues and challenges facing King County government;
- 84 3. A demonstrated ability to develop a responsible budget;

- 85 4. A demonstrated ability to respond to public concerns;
- 86 5. Demonstrated leadership skills;
- 87 6. A commitment to the immediate business of King County that would make it
- 88 unlikely that the appointee would run for any elective office while serving as appointed
- 89 executive;
- 90 7. A commitment to maintaining the functions and structure of county
- 91 government without disruption during the election of a new county executive; and
- 92 8. Demonstrated skills in pursuing a legislative agenda at the local, state, and
- 93 federal level.

94 H. The committee shall deliver a set of written materials arranged to allow

95 councilmembers to make direct comparisons between the candidates. The committee

96 shall provide a list of two to five recommended candidates and observations about the

97 strengths of each.

98 I. Because of the Municipal League's long record of public service in reviewing

99 candidates for election, the Municipal League is encouraged to review the candidates

100 presented for consideration to the committee and forward any recommendations to the

101 council."

102 **EFFECT: The proposed amendment:**

- 103 **1. Adds a Whereas clause describing the Municipal League's experience**
- 104 **with election issues;**
- 105 **2. Names the members of the blue ribbon selection committee;**
- 106 **3. Revises the procedures to be followed by the blue ribbon selection**
- 107 **committee;**

108 **4. Revises the evaluation criteria; and**

109 **5. Encourages the Municipal League to make recommendations to the**

110 **council.**

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