



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

July 28, 2009

Ordinance 16613

Proposed No. 2009-0448.2

Sponsors Constantine

1 AN ORDINANCE limiting King County's participation in
2 the South Lake Washington Revitalization Area; and
3 declaring an 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 Renton 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 Renton indicates that formal
15 action will be taken on August 17, 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 South Lake Washington
23 Revitalization Area, a declaration of an emergency is warranted.

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

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

35 SECTION 4. Notification to city of Renton of withdrawal from Revitalization
36 **Area.** The clerk of the council is hereby directed to send a notice to Ms. Bonnie Walton,
37 the Renton City Clerk, that King County has removed all King County taxing districts as
38 participating taxing districts in the South Lake Washington Revitalization Area. The

39 notice shall also indicate that King County has removed itself as a participating local
40 government in the South Lake Washington Revitalization Area. The notice shall indicate
41 that the county will not pledge local property tax allocation revenues or local sales and
42 use taxes to the South Lake Washington Revitalization Area. The clerk of the council
43 shall attach a copy of this ordinance with the notice and ensure that notice is received by
44 the Renton city clerk no later than 4:30 p.m., July 31, 2009.

45 SECTION 5. The council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists

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47 and that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health
48 or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions.

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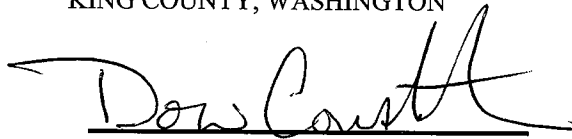
Ordinance 16613 was introduced on 7/20/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 7/27/2009, by the following vote:

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

No: 0

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