

Friday, July 6, 2007

Councilmember Larry Gossett  
Chair, King County Council  
King County Courthouse, 12th Floor  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

Councilmember Julia Patterson  
Chair, Committee of the Whole  
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Dear Councilmembers Gossett & Patterson:

I am writing to you today with regard to the Interim King County Prosecutor Position, for which I am a candidate to fill the unexpired term of the late Norm Maleng. I am certain that this is a difficult task as Norm Maleng was a giant as an attorney as well as a dedicated public servant. I am certain that you, as well as your colleagues, are taking this appointment process seriously, and that it is your desire to make the best possible choice to serve the people of our County.

I am writing this letter because I am unable to attend the Committee of the Whole on Monday, July 9, 2007 due to a prior family commitment. Although I very much wanted to address you and the Council in person, I am keeping a long-standing commitment to my family and will be out of town. It is my hope that this letter and my attached résumé will suffice as a representation of who I am and what I would bring to the position of King County Prosecutor.

A number of the members of this Council already know me. In particular, I am proud to have worked closely with Councilmembers Hague, Dunn, and Lambert in my role as a Duvall City Councilmember and as the acting Mayor; but also in other political and professional capacities. During the last several years, I have served on the Suburban Cities Association Public Issues Committee, the Jail Advisory Group, and the Committee to End Homelessness in King County. Each of these roles have touched and concerned aspects of our legal, criminal justice,

and mental health systems, all of which are important legal and policy areas for the King County Prosecutor's Office.

All three of the candidates before you, Dan Satterberg, Jim Ferrell, and me have the qualifications, the skills, and the competence to excel in this position. What I will submit to you today, however, is that your decision should not be determined on absolute qualifications, but on relative qualifications. Although all three of the candidates before you today are appropriately qualified, I believe that Mr. Satterberg is the most qualified for this position, and will serve the citizens of our county best as the Interim King County Prosecutor.

Putting the interests of our citizens first was one of Norm Maleng's lasting and most meaningful contributions to the Prosecutor's Office, and the selection of Dan Satterberg would not only be consistent with that tradition, but it is the decision that will most likely result in the continuation of that tradition, since Mr. Satterberg served side by side with Norm Maleng for over 17 years. Of those before you today, Mr. Satterberg is the most qualified individual to fill this position, and the citizen of King County deserve to be served by the best possible candidate.

I thank you for your time and for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Possinger