



KING COUNTY
Signature Report

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

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Motion 13694

Proposed No. 2012-0185.2

Sponsors Dunn, Lambert, Phillips, Gossett,
Patterson and von Reichbauer

1 A MOTION calling on the King County transit division
2 and the executive to support efforts to combat human
3 trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of
4 children through the use of King County transit division
5 public service advertising resources.

6 WHEREAS, human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery where people
7 profit from the control and exploitation of others, and

8 WHEREAS, as defined under federal law, victims of human trafficking include
9 children involved in commercial sex trade, adults age eighteen or over who are coerced
10 or deceived into commercial sex acts, and anyone forced into different forms of "labor or
11 services," such as domestic workers held in a home, or farm workers forced to labor
12 against their will, and

13 WHEREAS, human trafficking is considered to be one of the fastest growing
14 criminal industries in the world, and

15 WHEREAS, human trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of
16 children are serious crime problems on a worldwide basis, in Washington state, and in
17 King County, and

18 WHEREAS, between three hundred and five hundred children will bought and
19 sold in King County this year, and

20 WHEREAS, the average age of entry into commercial sexual exploitation in the
21 United States is thirteen years old, and

22 WHEREAS, children as young as eleven years old who have been commercially
23 sexually exploited have been found in King County, and

24 WHEREAS, over ninety-five percent of labor and sex trafficking victims
25 experience physical and sexual violence, and

26 WHEREAS, human traffickers lure and ensnare individuals into labor trafficking
27 and sex trafficking situations using methods of control such as force, fraud or coercion,
28 and

29 WHEREAS, the state of Washington has been described as a focal point for the
30 recruitment, transportation and sale of people for labor, due in part to its abundance of
31 ports, proximity to an international border, vast rural areas and dependency on
32 agricultural workers, and

33 WHEREAS, Washington was the first state to criminalize human trafficking, in
34 2003, and

35 WHEREAS, the 2008 Report of the Washington Task Force against the
36 Trafficking of Human Persons recommended among its urgent priorities the need to:
37 educate Washington communities about human trafficking; provide support to implement
38 community-driven antitrafficking strategies, including primary prevention efforts; and
39 help victims escape their situations by making one-on-one contact with people who may
40 be in trafficking situations, and

41 WHEREAS, the Governor of Washington state signed twelve anti human
42 trafficking bills into law in March 2012, making Washington state a model for
43 comprehensive anti human trafficking laws, and

44 WHEREAS, the King County transit division participates in the Safe Place
45 program to assist at-risk youth in finding support and services; and

46 WHEREAS, a public information about human trafficking can educate the public
47 about human trafficking and inform victims about resources available to them,
48 simultaneously addressing the needs of individual victims and the educational priorities
49 of the Washington state Task Force on Trafficking;

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

51 A. The King County executive and the transit division are requested to develop
52 and implement a strategy to increase public awareness of human trafficking and
53 commercial sexual exploitation of children using, but not limited to:

54 1. Applicable transit division public service advertising resources, including
55 placement of anti human trafficking public awareness materials in key transit corridors
56 and transit center locations where public awareness of human trafficking may have an
57 impact; and,

58 2. The county's internet sites, including transit, health, human services and other
59 appropriate county websites web sites.

60 B. The executive is directed to utilize existing anti-human trafficking outreach
61 materials, to the extent that it is legally permissible, that have been developed by other
62 entities or jurisdictions, rather than unnecessarily expend funds to re-create outreach
63 materials that exist elsewhere.

64 C. The information on the anti-human trafficking public information materials
65 should clearly include contact information for existing national anti-human trafficking or
66 exploited children organizations, such as the National Human Trafficking Resource
67 Center, and include the telephone number and email address on the public awareness
68 materials.

69 D. January 11 is national anti-human trafficking awareness day. The public
70 awareness campaign should be in place by January 11, 2013.

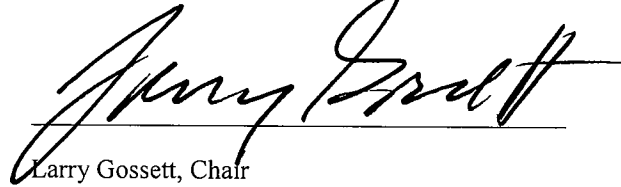
71 E. The executive is requested to transmit to the council by September 24, 2012 a
72 report on the implementation of this public awareness strategy, in the form of a paper
73 original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original
74 and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers.

75 F. King County representatives on the Sound Transit board are requested to work
76 with their colleagues on that board to advance the issue of human trafficking awareness.
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Motion 13694 was introduced on 5/7/2012 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 7/9/2012, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson,
Ms. Lambert, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn
No: 0
Excused: 2 - Ms. Hague and Mr. McDermott

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None