



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

April 3, 2007

Motion 12493

Proposed No. 2007-0198.1

Sponsors Phillips, Ferguson, Constantine
and Patterson

1 A MOTION calling for the protection of election security
2 in King County by obtaining expert, peer and citizen
3 review of election security plans.
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6 WHEREAS, public confidence in the election process rests on voters' firm
7 conviction that the process is secure—that only qualified voters have voted and that the
8 vote count is accurate and has not been tainted by either error or fraud, and

9 WHEREAS, the introduction of computer technology into the election process
10 has improved elections by allowing results to be reported more quickly and by making
11 possible new methods of verifying the accuracy of voter registration records and vote
12 counts, and

13 WHEREAS, the use of computer technology has also created, however, a
14 potential for new kinds of error and fraud, such as tampering with electronic voting
15 machines, which must be guarded against, and

16 WHEREAS, the metropolitan King County council has recognized the importance
17 of ensuring the security of the county's election process by adopting legislation requiring

18 the executive to submit, for council review and approval, proposals for the purchase of
19 new election equipment and software that address, among other things, the security issues
20 related to those products, and

21 WHEREAS, the council believes that in conducting that review it would be
22 beneficial to obtain independent expert, peer and citizen reviews;

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

24 A. The council shall obtain independent review and analysis of the executive's
25 proposals for purchasing new election equipment and software. The review and analysis
26 shall be obtained from experts in computer and election security and from election
27 officials.

28 B. The council shall also request that the King County citizens' election oversight
29 committee review the election equipment and software proposals from a security
30 standpoint and solicit input from citizens on election security concerns.

31 C. The council asks the executive to cooperate in these efforts by transmitting the
32 proposals for the purchase of new election equipment and software in sufficient time to

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33 allow the council to obtain these independent reviews before taking action on the
34 proposals.

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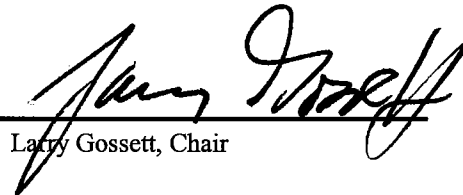
Motion 12493 was introduced on 3/26/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 4/2/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson,
Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine

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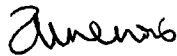
Excused: 1 - Mr. von Reichbauer

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None