



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

July 10, 2007

Motion 12542

Proposed No. 2007-0312.1

Sponsors Constantine, Phillips and Ferguson

1 A MOTION establishing county policy to ensure the
2 constitutional guarantee of every citizen to cast a secret
3 ballot.

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5 WHEREAS, the Washington state Constitution guarantees every citizen the right
6 to cast a secret ballot, and

7 WHEREAS, state laws provide additional guarantees and guidance ensuring
8 every citizen the right to cast a secret ballot, and

9 WHEREAS, King County might purchase and use new elections equipment that
10 has the capability to track individual mail ballot envelopes as well as individual ballots,
11 and

12 WHEREAS, the public has expressed significant concerns that ballot-tracking
13 equipment could identify the ballots of individual voters;

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

15 A. County policy is hereby established that no unique identifying numbers or
16 marks of any kind may be placed on ballots that could allow an individual voter to be
17 identified with a particular ballot; and

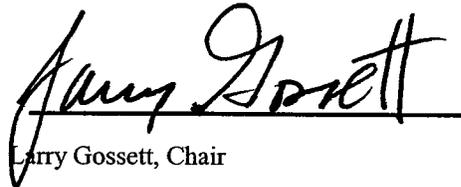
18 B. In the process of tabulating ballots and reporting elections results, the highest
19 priorities of King County shall be to ensure an accurate vote count and to preserve the
20 secrecy of individual ballots.

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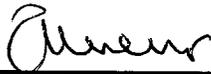
Motion 12542 was introduced on 5/21/2007 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/9/2007, by the following vote:

Yes: 9 - Mr. Gossett, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Dunn, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Hague and Mr. Constantine
No: 0
Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Larry Gossett, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None