



Legislation Text

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A MOTION related to naming the new King County office building.

WHEREAS, King County will construct a new King County office building in downtown Seattle in close proximity to the King County Courthouse and adjacent to the King County Administrative Building, and

WHEREAS, the new office building will be completed in April 2007, and

WHEREAS, the new office building will house critical county functions including the Seattle-King County department of public health, the King County finance and business operations division and the King County information technology services division, and

WHEREAS, King County citizens will visit the new office building to access county services and conduct business with county officials and employees, and

WHEREAS, King County citizens and taxpayers should, whenever possible, be provided with opportunities to feel a greater sense of connection and relation with their King County government, its functions and its public facilities, and

WHEREAS, citizens of King County are paying for the construction of the new office building and should therefore have a role in the naming of that building, and

WHEREAS, the name of the office building should reflect broad citizen values as well as any one or more of county issues, persons and symbols, and

WHEREAS, young King County residents in particular should be encouraged to participate and become aware of county government activities in a manner which is engaging, respectful, creative and intriguing;

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

The county sets forth a short-term public involvement process to select the name of the new King County office building.

The county will select a King County office building nomination group to lead a naming process for the new King County office building.

The nomination group will consist of four representatives chosen by the King County council and three representatives chosen by the King County executive.

Members of the nomination group will, among other activities:

A. Recommend criteria for selection of the name of the office building;

B. Recommend timing for the name selection process;

C. Review name submissions;

D. Recommend to the council three proposed names; and

E. Present three names to the council, which shall by motion adopt the official name of the office building.

The office building name selection process will involve extensive outreach to organizations that connect with young King County residents whose age range includes those who would attend seventh, eighth and ninth grades. Organizations could include, but not be limited to, schools, youth groups, community groups and assemblies of worship.

Organizations will be asked by the nomination group to reach out to young persons with whom they are associated and invite them to submit potential names for the new office building to the nomination group.

Submission will include a short essay supporting the selection of a particular name.

Names can include significant county residents alive or dead, as well as, but not

limited to, names of groups, social movements, artifacts or other symbols or activities significant to King

County residents.

none