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A MOTION recognizing the county director of elections for achieving the status of Certified Election Administrator and requesting periodic reports regarding the director's maintenance of certification.

WHEREAS, the voters of King County on November 4, 2008, approved a charter amendment making the position of county director of elections an elective office, and

WHEREAS, the complexity of modern election systems makes it necessary for the county director of elections to possess certain technical and administrative qualifications and expertise in order to perform effectively in that role, and

WHEREAS, the voters of King County on November 4, 2008, approved a charter amendment allowing the county council to establish by ordinance additional qualifications for the office of director of elections, besides the charter requirement of being at least twenty-one years old, a citizen of the United States and a resident and registered voter of King County, and

WHEREAS, the county council by Ordinance 16302 established additional qualifications for the office of director of elections, including a requirement that "[n]o later than thirty months after having been elected or appointed to the office of elections director, the director shall have earned the certification of elections administrator from the Washington state Office of the Secretary of State, and shall meet all continuing education requirements of the Secretary of State," and

WHEREAS, as demonstrated by the letter from the Washington Secretary of State that is Attachment A to this motion, King County director of elections Sherril Huff has obtained certification as a Certified Election

Administrator, as required by Ordinance 16302, and

WHEREAS, once certified, election administrators are required, in order to maintain their certification, to obtain eighteen hours of continuing education each year, as provided in WAC 434-260-300;

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

A. The council recognizes and congratulates King County director of elections Sherril Huff for obtaining certification as a Certified Election Administrator, effective from June 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010.

B. The council requests that the director of elections provide a written report to the council no later than September 1 of each year, beginning in 2010, detailing the hours of continuing education that the director has obtained, or plans to obtain, in order to maintain certification through the following calendar year.

C. The council requests that the director of elections inform the council promptly in writing of any extension or termination of the director's certification as a Certified Election Administrator.

D. The reports referred to in subsections B. and C. of this motion shall be filed electronically with the clerk of the council, who shall forward electronic copies to each councilmember, to the council chief of staff and to the lead staff for the council's government accountability and oversight committee or its successor.