



Legislation Text

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A MOTION relating to the centennial of the dedication of the King County Courthouse.

WHEREAS, the King County Courthouse has served a vital role in city and county government for the past one hundred years, and

WHEREAS, the seat of King County was located on the Maynard, Boren and Denny Land Claim in 1853, and

WHEREAS, the voters of King County first approved funding for the construction of the courthouse in 1911, and

WHEREAS, the city of Seattle also provided funding when the courthouse was originally built, and occupied a portion of the courthouse between 1916 and 1962, and

WHEREAS, the original courthouse was built by local architect Augustus Warren Gould employing locally obtained and manufactured material, and

WHEREAS, the courthouse was dedicated on May 4, 1916, and

WHEREAS, the courthouse was expanded and remodeled in 1931 to add additional floors, and was remodeled again in 1967, and

WHEREAS, in 1976, the Pioneer Square National Historic District was extended to include the courthouse, and in 1987, the courthouse was registered as a King County landmark, and

WHEREAS, the King County Courthouse has served admirably for a century as a forum for justice and the seat of government in King County;

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

A. The council requests that the executive establish a centennial planning committee and transmit a plan to celebrate the King County Courthouse centennial. The centennial plan should be developed in consultation with the city of Seattle, 4Culture, the King County landmarks commission, the Historic Society of Seattle and other preservation and historical organizations. The centennial plan should include, but not be limited to:

1. A description of the centennial planning committee;
2. A summary of the centennial planning committee's meetings and accomplishments to date and milestones needed to prepare for the celebration;
3. A proposed date for a centennial celebration in spring 2016 to coincide with the original dedication of the courthouse on May 4;
4. A proposed location or locations for the centennial celebration;
5. A proposed list of activities for the centennial celebration;
6. A plan for appropriate signage to celebrate the courthouse; and
7. A proposed budget for the centennial celebration, and identification of whether a supplemental appropriation would be necessary to fund the centennial celebration.

B. The executive should transmit the plan and a motion accepting the plan by January 29, 2016, in the form of a paper original and an electronic copy with the clerk of the council, who shall retain the original and provide an electronic copy to all councilmembers, the council chief of staff, the policy staff director and the lead staff for the transportation, economy and environment committee, or its successor.