



## Legislation Text

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A MOTION affirming the value of the King County citizens' elections oversight committee in maintaining public confidence in elections and affirming the council's intent to retain the services of the committee.

WHEREAS, the King County council has created three citizen's elections oversight committees. The first was created in July 2003, the second was created in April 2005 and the current nonexpiring committee was created in May 2006, and

WHEREAS, the committees have submitted two lengthy reports as well as annual reports, and

WHEREAS, the committees have made in excess of one hundred eighty recommendations, nearly all of which have been implemented by King County or addressed by changes in state or federal law, and

WHEREAS, many members of the original committee have continued to serve on the second and third committees, and

WHEREAS, members of the citizens' elections oversight committees have dedicated in excess of four thousand five hundred hours of unpaid service in monthly meetings, observing elections, holding and attending public hearings, studying issues, developing recommendations and writing reports, and

WHEREAS, the proper administration of elections is an essential function of county government in Washington state, and

WHEREAS, fair and accurate elections are of the utmost importance to our democratic society, and

WHEREAS, public confidence in the election process rests on voters' convictions that the electoral process is secure, accurate and fair, and

WHEREAS, the King County citizens' elections oversight committees have made excellent recommendations that have helped to restore trust in King County's ability to conduct fair, accurate and secure elections, and

WHEREAS, the King County citizens' elections oversight committees have helped King County to significantly improve its operations by providing valuable oversight and advisory functions;

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

The metropolitan King County council expresses its sincere gratitude to citizens' elections oversight committee members and the council states its request and intent for the current committee to continue serving the public as an integral partner in maintaining transparency, accountability and public confidence in county elections.