



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**July 19, 2010**

**Ordinance 16883**

**Proposed No. 2010-0366.1**

**Sponsors** Drago, von Reichbauer, Phillips,  
Ferguson, Hague and Lambert

1           AN ORDINANCE related to the Washington State  
2           Convention Center; creating a public facilities district to  
3           acquire, own and operate a convention and trade center  
4           transferred from the public nonprofit corporation that owns  
5           the Washington State Convention Center, as authorized by  
6           chapter 36.100 RCW; appointing the board of directors;  
7           requiring reports concerning the district's efforts regarding  
8           transfer of the Washington State Convention Center  
9           property to the public facilities district; and creating a new  
10          chapter in K.C.C. Title 2.

11          **PREAMBLE:**

12          In 1982, with the support of the Washington State legislature, a nonprofit  
13          corporation was established to design, construct, promote and operate the  
14          Washington State Convention Center. Since its first event on June 18,  
15          1988, the Washington State Convention Center has operated for twenty-  
16          two years to provide economic and civic benefits to the people of the state  
17          of Washington. In 2010, the state Legislature enacted Substitute Senate  
18          Bill 6889, which authorized King County to create a public facilities  
19          district to acquire, own and operate a trade and convention center

20 transferred from a public nonprofit corporation. In addition, the bill  
21 established requirements for the transfer of the property of the nonprofit  
22 organization Washington State Convention Center to a newly created  
23 public facilities district. One requirement is that any transfer of property  
24 must occur by June 30, 2011; another is that existing state debt issued for  
25 Convention Center purposes be refinanced and defeased with the debt of  
26 the new public facilities district.

27 By creating the public facilities district now, the newly created district will  
28 be able to begin the process of complying with the requirements  
29 established by the Washington state Legislature for the transfer of the  
30 Washington State Convention Center property to the public facilities  
31 district prior to June 30, 2011.

32 The Washington State Convention Center has targeted November 2010 for  
33 the refinancing of its debt and the transfer of the facility to the new public  
34 facilities district.

35 Creating the public facilities district and the subsequent transfer of the  
36 Washington State Convention Center property to the newly formed district  
37 will result in continued and potentially greater economic and civic benefits  
38 to the citizens of King County.

39 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

40 SECTION 1. Sections 2 through 4 of this ordinance should constitute a new  
41 chapter in K.C.C. Title 2.

42           NEW SECTION. SECTION 2. A public facilities district, formally called the  
43 Washington State Convention Center public facilities district, with the powers set forth in  
44 chapter 36.100 RCW and other applicable law, is hereby created within King County,  
45 coextensive with the boundaries of King County, to acquire, own and operate a  
46 convention and trade center transferred from a public nonprofit corporation. After the  
47 transfer has occurred, the public facilities district may do business as the Washington  
48 State Convention Center.

49           NEW SECTION. SECTION 3. The district's initial board of directors shall  
50 consist of the nine members of the board of directors who serve as of the effective date of  
51 this ordinance on the board of the Washington State Convention Center public nonprofit  
52 corporation. Following the expiration of the terms of the initial board of directors, three  
53 members must be nominated by the county executive subject to confirmation by the  
54 county legislative authority; three members must be nominated by the mayor of the city  
55 of Seattle subject to confirmation by the city legislative authority; and three members  
56 must be appointed by the Washington state governor. Initial board members will serve  
57 two-year terms or four-year terms, as designated by the Washington governor who also  
58 shall identify the board positions to which successors to initial directors are to be  
59 appointed by the city of Seattle and to which successors to the initial directors are to be  
60 appointed by the county. One of the governor's appointments and one of the county's  
61 appointments must be representative of the lodging industry in the public facilities district  
62 and one of the city's appointments must be representative of organized labor, except that  
63 these requirements do not apply to the initial board of the district.

64           NEW SECTION. SECTION 4. The district shall provide the county executive  
65 and county council monthly reports on the district's efforts to facilitate the transfer of the  
66 Washington State Convention Center property to the district beginning August 1, 2010.  
67 A final report shall be submitted indicating whether or not the transfer has occurred by  
68 the transfer date in chapter 36.100 RCW. An electronic copy and paper copy of each

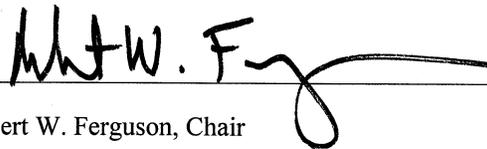
69 report shall be filed with the clerk of the council, who shall forward electronic copies to  
70 the executive and each councilmember.

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Ordinance 16883 was introduced on 6/28/2010 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 7/19/2010, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Ms. Drago, Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett,  
Ms. Hague, Ms. Patterson, Ms. Lambert and Mr. Ferguson  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Mr. Dunn

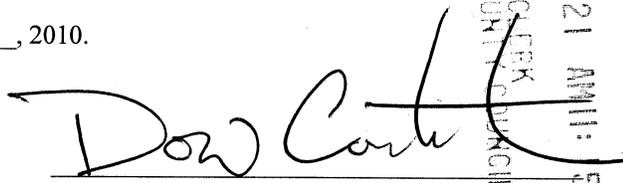
KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Robert W. Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 20 day of July, 2010.

  
Dow Constantine, County Executive

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Attachments: None