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Larry Phillips, Chair

## Historic Action on All-Mail Balloting for King County Set for Tuesday

King County would become the largest local jurisdiction in the nation to conduct all elections by mail, under legislation set for action at the [next meeting](#) of the Metropolitan King County Council on **Tuesday, May 30**.

Nearly 60 percent of registered voters in King County already choose to vote by mail, and 81 percent voters in the 2005 primary election used a mail ballot. Two panels appointed by the Council have recommended all-mail ballots.

The [ordinance set for action](#) would direct the Elections Director to begin conducting all-mail elections starting in 2007. Regional polling locations for those who prefer to cast their ballots in person and neighborhood ballot drop boxes will be part of the proposed new system.

Reports to the Council from the [Citizens' Election Oversight Committee](#) and The Election Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting, preserving and improving democracy, both recommended moving to an all-mail ballot to help streamline a system that currently requires 528 polling locations and close to 4,000 poll workers for a countywide election, plus a full-scale mail ballot processing operation and facility.

After the state Legislature in 2005 approved legislation that gives counties the authority to conduct elections by mail, 34 of the state's 39 counties have made the decision to conduct all-mail elections.

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May 22, 2006  
**[Hague and von Reichbauer: Immigration Reform Must Balance Opportunity with National Security](#)**  
 "We all agree that Congress must act on the issue of immigration. But any proposal

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that doesn't address border security is like trying to fix an overflowing bathtub before turning off the water."

May 22, 2006

**Council Approves Motion on "Comprehensive and Effective" Immigration Reform**

The Metropolitan King County Council today called on Congress to pass a "comprehensive and effective" immigration reform plan that creates clear guidelines for undocumented immigrants to become citizens.

May 22, 2006

**South County Bus Riders to Benefit from Transit Improvements**

"In South King County, cities like Kent and Renton are making important investments in their downtown cores to increase residential and employment densities. We must have adequate transit service to serve these new downtown workers and residents and reduce reliance on automobiles in the suburbs."

May 22, 2006

**Protecting Pets: Councilmembers Introduce Proposal to Strengthen Animal Cruelty Enforcement**

"We must ensure that the welfare of our four-legged friends doesn't fall through the cracks."

May 22, 2006

**Council Approves Northgate Park and Ride Package**

"With this vote, one can now realistically imagine a thriving urban center with new green spaces, a new library, a new and attractive shopping mall, an urban salmon stream, attractive housing and easy transit connections to and from most anywhere in the region."

May 22, 2006

**Vote-By-Mail Sent to Full Council**

"Why continue two separate voting systems when the people of King County have already chosen their preferred method of casting their ballots."

May 15, 2006

**Council Hires Property Rights Expert as County's First Rural Ombudsman**

"Land use disputes will always be contentious, but if you have the right person who is qualified, credible, and knowledgeable, we can make the process less abrasive and more productive," said new Rural Ombudsman David Spohr.

May 15, 2006

**County Council Establishes Elections "Action Plan"**

The Action Plan sets June 12 deadlines for Executive and Council action on certain election improvements.

May 8, 2006

**Council Makes Citizens' Election Oversight Committee An Ongoing Panel**

"The creation of an ongoing group of citizens assisting the Council guarantees that there will always be a 'public eye' involved with election reform."

May 8, 2006

**Elections "Action Plan" Sent to the Full County Council**

"The next election season is just around the corner. We need to be implementing these recommendations before voters head to the polls."

May 3, 2006

**The Boat Is Back: Elliott Bay Water Taxi Returns**

"The Water Taxi provides a vital link between West Seattle and the downtown waterfront for commuters and visitors alike."

May 1, 2006

**A Time for Action: Councilmembers Introduce Resolution Urging Congress to Act on Immigration Reform**

"Clear rules on how undocumented immigrants can continue to live and work in this country are the first step towards destroying a system that is not that far removed from indentured servitude."

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