

## **Frequently Asked Questions King County Independent Task Force on Elections**

### **What is the purpose of the Independent Task Force on Elections?**

The Independent Task Force on Elections has focused on recommendations that have a long-term impact on the elections system. Its mission is to exercise its independent judgment to develop recommendations that will help restore the public's trust in our election system and ultimately make this the best process in the country.

### **What is the difference between the King County Independent Task Force on Elections and the County Elections Oversight Commission (CEOC)?**

The Independent Task Force on Elections plans to focus on recommendations that have a long-term impact on the elections system. The CEOC represents a detailed examination by key stakeholders of many of the fine points of election law and the elections process. It is evaluating progress on the recommendations it made two years ago. The Task Force is coordinating with the CEOC to assure maximum coordination and minimum duplication. We have also coordinated with the two firms that were hired to conduct an audit of the elections system.

### **How can the public be assured that this group is completely independent?**

The Task Force was appointed with the understanding that the Task Force will have a strictly arms length relationship with King County. Its staff is not part of the county and it has full control over its own budget. Even more important, each task force member is an independent and highly respected individual, committed to focusing on the facts.

### **Will the group plan on taking any testimony or other public input?**

Our primary focus has been to sift through all the data so that we can develop recommendations that address the problem at hand. This website facilitates public comment on the recommendations of the Task Force. All comments will be forwarded to the King County Executive.

### **What is your staff budget and how much are you paying staff and consultants?**

The Task Force is made up of 11 dedicated volunteers. Our budget is \$130,000. We are entirely staffed by independent consultants, and almost all of our budget will go toward producing our materials and paying our staff team.