



Snohomish County Council

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Council takes action on Election Contest lawsuit

The Snohomish County Council today instructed the county's prosecuting attorney to withdraw three motions made on behalf of the county in the lawsuit over the Washington State Governor's race.

On a five-to-nothing vote, the council decided that Snohomish County should remain part of the legal case. Last week, the prosecutor filed a motion to dismiss the county from the lawsuit. The council action today told the prosecutor to withdraw that request.

The council also instructed the prosecutor to withdraw a motion supporting Benton and Franklin counties motions to be dismissed from the case. That decision was made on a four-to-one vote (Yes: Koster, Nelson, Gossett, Sax No: Sievers).

On a three-to-two vote, the council also instructed the prosecutor to withdraw a motion supporting the State Democrat Central Committee's motion for a stay in the proceedings (Yes: Koster, Nelson, Sax; No: Sievers, Gossett).

The actions by the council do not affect any motions filed by the prosecutor at the direction of County Auditor Bob Terwilliger. Terwilliger is a separately elected official and is also named in the suit.

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