



Snohomish County Council

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Council Clears Way for Katrina Donations

The Snohomish County Council has unanimously approved an emergency ordinance that clears the way for county employees to donate to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. The ordinance waives the restriction for one charitable campaign contribution program yearly and allows the Executive to develop an effective method for county employees to donate. "County employees have asked for a way to help," said County Council Chair Gary Nelson, "and the council has acted quickly to give them that ability."

The council will also consider efforts to send county personnel to the areas stricken by the hurricane once details are worked out by emergency managers at the federal and state levels.

The county's donation plan will be developed by the Executive's office in consultation with the council. The county also has an annual combined charitable campaign that allows county employees to donate money to many local and national charities through regular payroll deductions. Earlier this year, county employees also donated money directly to the relief efforts for the victims of the tsunami that hit Southeast Asia.

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