

“We support the change of the Martin Luther King, Jr. County’s official logo from an imperial crown to an image of Dr. King.”

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 King County Labor Council
 1199NW/SEIU
 IFPTE, Local 17, Ray Goforth*
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 King County Coalition of Unions

Office & Professional Employees International Union, Local 8
 Out Front labor Coalition/GLBT Pride at Work, AFL-CIO
 Service Employees International Union, Local 6
 Seattle Community Colleges Federation of Teachers, Executive Board
 Seattle Union Now, Jonathan Rosenblum

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African American Community

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 I.WA.SIL Youth Program, Adrian Verzola, Program Director
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Latino Community

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 Downtown Human Services Council, Juan Bocanegra, Executive Director
 El Centro de la Raza, Roberto Maestas, Executive Director
 SEA MAR Community Health Centers, Rogelio Rios, Executive Director*

Organizations

American Civil Liberties Union – Kathleen Taylor
 Blacks in Government, Seattle Chapter
 Capital Hill Community Council
 Children's Alliance, Peter Berliner, Executive Director
 Central Youth and Family Services, Betty Lou Valentine, Executive Director
 Displacement Coalition, John Fox, Director
 Downtown Human Services Council, Board of Directors
 Drive to Survive
 Fast Jobs Coalition, Michael Woo, Project Coordinator
 Fellowship of Reconciliation - Brenda Collier, Co-Chair and George Lindsay, Co-Chair
 El Centro de la Raza, Roberto Maestas
 King County Civil Rights Commission
 King County Democrats
 Minority Executive Directors Coalition of King County
 N.W. Labor and Employment Law Office (LELO), Tyree Scott, Board President
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 Operational Emergency Center, Al Poole, Executive Director
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Spokane Human Rights Commission
Washington Coalition of Hispanics in Law Enforcement
Vashon-Maury Island Community Council
White Women Organizing Against Racism
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Seattle Chapter

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LARRY GOSSETT
Metropolitan King County Council
District Ten

September 24, 1999

Ms. Jennifer Kruse
I.P.M.
One Freedom Plaza
449 auburn Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30212

Dear Ms. Kruse:

The purpose of this letter is to request a call or written update on the status of our request for a license agreement to have the image of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as the official logo for King County of Seattle, Washington.

We would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible so we can move forward on the passage of my ordinance.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Larry Gossett
Councilmember - District 10

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GATES *foundation*

January 4, 2000

Metropolitan King County Council
516 Third Avenue, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98101

Dear King County Council:

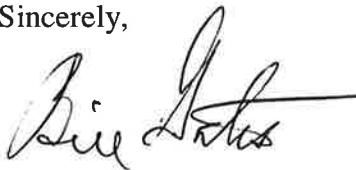
I am writing in support of Councilmember Larry Gosset's proposal to change the King County logo to clearly reflect that the name of our County honors a great American, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

There are many reasons to do so. For me, one of the most compelling is the simple fact that too few of our own citizens are even aware that the County was re-named in 1986 in honor of Dr. King. It was, in a sense, our misfortune that the name was already King County - if it had been Emerald County, for example, the renaming of the County would have been something more of an event (and something more of a courageous political act, by the way).

Late last year, in successive weeks, this city hosted two remarkable Africans - Kofi Anan and Nelson Mandela. Their presence here reminded me how important it is that we here in largely white Seattle recognize and appreciate historic leadership that comes from different racial and cultural backgrounds.

I strongly encourage the King County Council to help educate our citizens about the legacy of Dr. King and the reasons why we honor him by adopting Councilmember Gosset's proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Gates", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William H. Gates, Sr.