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## briefly

### Cato named to county charter commission

Doreen Cato, of Bellevue, has been appointed to the 21-member commission that will review the King County Charter, which serves as the constitution for King County government. The charter provides the basic long-term structure reflecting core values such as accountability, checks and balances, and promoting an effective, efficient and responsive government.

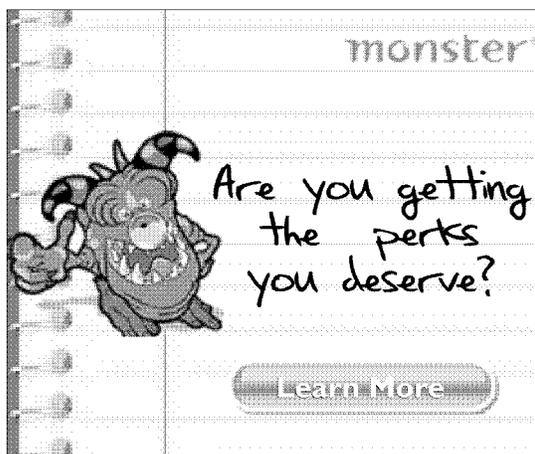
Cato is Executive Director of First Place, a school which specializes in educating and helping children whose families who are homeless. She was appointed to the commission by King County Executive Ron Sims.

During their term, the commission is expected to review the charter and make recommendations on any changes or improvements. The commission will recommend charter amendments and revisions to the County Council and recommendations approved by the council will be put on the ballot for voter approval. The charter commission will convene over the next 15 months and dissolve after the general election in November 2008.

This is the fifth time the commission has convened since the charter was adopted in 1969.

The next Charter Review Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue, Seattle), on the 40th floor. Meetings are open to the public.

Further information about the commission is available at its web site, at [www.metrokc.gov/exec/charter](http://www.metrokc.gov/exec/charter), by calling Mark Yango, Charter Coordinator, at 206-296-4628, or e-mail [charter.review@metrokc.gov](mailto:charter.review@metrokc.gov).



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