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MOTION NO. **9540**

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2 A MOTION establishing principles to guide
3 the executive in the negotiation of law
4 enforcement contracts with cities in King
5 County.

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7 WHEREAS, the King County department of public safety
8 currently provides full law enforcement services on contract
9 to eight cities in King County, and

10 WHEREAS, in 1994, contract cities comprised
11 approximately 22 percent of the population served by the
12 department, and accounted for approximately 35 percent of the
13 reported crime, 29 percent of the arrests and 35 percent of
14 the dispatched calls for service, and

15 WHEREAS, in 1994, the amount of revenue from city law
16 enforcement contracts was \$17.3 million, representing 30
17 percent of the King County department of public safety's 1994
18 adopted budget of \$57.6 million, and

19 WHEREAS, recent and future city annexations and
20 incorporations could significantly increase the percentage of
21 the department's resources devoted to providing contract
22 services, and

23 WHEREAS, the county has adopted policies that support
24 the development and continuation of contracts to enable the
25 department to preserve the quality, depth and breadth of its
26 law enforcement services, and

27 WHEREAS, the department is nationally recognized for its
28 expertise in such services as outdoor crime scene analysis
29 and major accident reconstruction, and

1 WHEREAS, the department has expertise in certain
2 investigative and special services, which is called upon by
3 jurisdictions throughout the county, and

4 WHEREAS, certain law enforcement services, including
5 special services such as tactical assault, bomb disposal,
6 hostage negotiation, and major investigative services may be
7 most effectively provided on a regional basis, and

8 WHEREAS, individual cities may be unable to support such
9 services, or the provision of such services by individual
10 cities may contribute to duplication of effort and
11 inefficient use of tax dollars, and

12 WHEREAS, King County is currently negotiating new
13 contracts to provide law enforcement services to eight
14 cities, and

15 WHEREAS, these cities have presented to the county a
16 number of principles to be addressed in the new contracts,
17 including quality, efficiency, cost control, city ownership
18 and citizen partnership, and

19 WHEREAS, the county wishes to preserve its law
20 enforcement expertise by maintaining the department of public
21 safety as a vital provider of law enforcement services, and

22 WHEREAS, the county council wishes to establish
23 principles to guide the negotiations of new law enforcement
24 contracts to ensure that the cities' and the county's needs
25 are met through provision of contract law enforcement
26 services;

27 NOW THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

28 The council hereby establishes the following principles
29 to guide the county executive's negotiations of new contracts
30 for delivery of law enforcement services:

31 A. County law enforcement employees should feel
32 responsibility toward and demonstrate responsiveness to
33 residents and officials of cities with contracts for law
34 enforcement services, and

35 B. Each contract city should have the flexibility to
36 determine the level and deployment of certain services and to
37 identify service priorities, thereby controlling costs, and

38 C. Cities should have the ability to choose unique
39 police uniforms and markings for police vehicles assigned to
40 the city, and

1 D. County law enforcement employees should work
2 cooperatively with communities within contract cities in a
3 problem-solving mode to improve the safety and welfare of
4 city residents and visitors, and

5 E. The county should provide at a reasonable and
6 predictable cost efficient, high quality, appropriate law
7 enforcement services supported by technology that furthers
8 the goals of the contract cities and the county, and

9 F. The contracts and service agreements should maintain
10 equity among the interests of contract city and
11 unincorporated area residents, and

12 G. The contracts should preserve to the extent
13 practical the valuable law enforcement services provided by
14 the department while providing a high level of local service
15 and decision making.

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17 PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 this 17th day of
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19 April, 1995.

20 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
21 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

22 Kent Pullen
23 Chair

24 ATTEST:

25 Gerald A. Peltan
26 Clerk of the Council
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