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MOTION NO. 2888

1 A MOTION supporting the merger of King County and
2 the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle.

3 WHEREAS, the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle provides sewerage
4 and mass transit services in King County, and

5 WHEREAS, the provision of these services have a significant effect on
6 land use planning and development in King County, and

7 WHEREAS, the boundaries of King County and Metro are coterminous, and

8 WHEREAS, the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle is authorized under
9 state law to provide additional functions that could directly affect county-
10 wide comprehensive planning, and

11 WHEREAS, the two governments sometimes exercise conflicting roles in
12 land use planning and development which may have adverse effects on such
13 policies as preservation of agricultural land, and

14 WHEREAS, such services should be performed by a single governmental
15 entity managed by officials directly elected by the people on a one person
16 one vote basis, and

17 WHEREAS, many elected officials of King County and cities within the
18 county have indicated in principle their support for consolidating Metro
19 and King County government, and

20 WHEREAS, members of the Washington State Legislature have demonstrated
21 leadership to achieve such consolidation and representation through the
22 introduction of Senate Bill 2430 to enable the merger to take place, and

23 WHEREAS, that leadership by members of the Washington State Legislature,
24 and particularly the sponsors of Senate Bill 2430, have provided the best
25 opportunity we in local government in King County have ever had to accomplish
26 the long delayed and much talked about goal of consolidating Metro and King
27 County government, and

28 WHEREAS, merger of Metro with King County requires both full discussion
29 by the people of King County and the broad based support of their elected
30 officials, and

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1 WHEREAS, sufficient time must be allowed before State enabling
2 legislation takes effect to ensure that the County Council can give proper
3 consideration to the recommendations of both the Charter Review Committee
4 and these elected officials, and

5 WHEREAS, the enactment of State enabling legislation is a necessary
6 step to achieve the consolidation of Metro and King County, and

7 WHEREAS, a twenty member Charter Review Committee is presently meeting
8 to consider needed amendments to the County Home Rule Charter and plans to
9 develop and propose amendments which will facilitate such consolidation,
10 including modification in the size of the County Council,

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

12 The King County Council hereby declares its support for the merger of
13 the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle with King County and further
14 supports actions required to allow for a public vote on merger to occur not
15 earlier than November, 1978.

16 BE IT FURTHER MOVED by the Council of King County:

17 Recognizing the need for State enabling legislation to effectuate a
18 merger of the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle with King County, any state
19 legislation to allow merger should provide that:

20 1. The assumption of responsibility by King County of METRO functions
21 shall be based upon a vote of the people of King County, and

22 2. To ensure that the time table contained herein can be followed,
23 the effective date of any enabling legislation should be not earlier than
24 July, 1978, and

25 3. Until the effective date of the enabling legislation:

26 a. Where a local government has established a comprehensive plan
27 or program for the preservation or protection of shorelines, wildlife
28 refuges, wilderness areas, wetlands, agricultural lands, or for the growth
29 and development of industrial, commercial and residential activities, the
30 local legislative body shall review the plans, programs, policies, and
31 budgets of the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle for consistency with
32 comprehensive plans and programs which relate to that jurisdiction.

1 b. Upon finding that the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle
 2 plans, programs, policies and budgets for that jurisdiction
 3 are not consistent with local government policy and plans, the local legis-
 4 lative body may propose amendments to the plans, programs, policies and
 5 budget of the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle to ensure consistency
 6 PROVIDED THAT, no amendment to the budget shall adversely affect the
 7 Municipality's ability to meet its current and outstanding bond financing
 8 obligations.

9 c. Said amendments by a local legislative body and the reasons
 10 therefor shall be deemed incorporated unless rescinded by a two thirds vote
 11 of the Metropolitan Council.

12 BE IT FURTHER MOVED by the Council of King County:

13 Recognizing that the successful merger of the Municipality of
 14 Metropolitan Seattle with King County may require an expanded County
 15 legislative body to replace the Metro and King County Councils thereby
 16 ensuring direct and equal representation of all the citizens of the County,
 17 the Charter Review Committee is hereby requested to consider, as a part of
 18 its work effort, the structure of the legislative body for a merged
 19 County/Metro government and submit the necessary Charter amendments to
 20 accomplish said structure to the Council in time to be included in the
 21 public vote on merger. The Chairman of the County Council is requested
 22 to work with the Charter Review Committee, the County Executive, and the
 23 other entities of local government to develop a program by which the
 24 entire community will participate in the development of the merger.

25 PASSED this 28th day of February, 1977.

26 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
 27 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

28 Mike Lowry
 29 Chairman

30 ATTEST:

31 Jacoby M. Owens
 32 Deputy Clerk of the Council