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MOTION NO. 03253

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2 A MOTION relating to the Department of Public
3 Safety, requesting the Executive to submit an
4 appropriation ordinance with adequate funds
5 leading to the employment of thirty-six new
6 police officers as soon as possible;
7 requesting that funds be budgeted to retain
8 these new positions in the 1978 operating
9 budget.

7 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety has law enforcement
8 responsibility in unincorporated King County and certain
9 incorporated jurisdictions of King County, and

10 WHEREAS, for the first time in many years, the Civil Service
11 Commission has conducted examinations preparatory to the
12 employment of new police officers in the Department of Public
13 Safety, and

14 WHEREAS, it is anticipated that in excess of eighty
15 individuals will be certified as eligible for employment as
16 police officers by the Civil Service Commission, and

17 WHEREAS, it has been argued repeatedly that the Department
18 of Public Safety does not have, at present, adequate manpower to
19 comprehensively administer law enforcement functions in King
20 County, and

21 WHEREAS, an opportunity exists by virtue of the list of
22 eligible applicants to substantially increase the manpower
23 resources of the Department of Public Safety, and

24 WHEREAS, if thirty-six new officers were employed as soon as
25 possible, the cost for the remainder of the calendar year 1977
26 would be approximately \$300,000 and the annualized increased cost
27 to the department in calendar year 1978 would be approximately
28 \$1,200,000, and

29 WHEREAS, if new police officers were hired as soon as
30 possible required time frames of hiring, orientation, and formal
31 training could commence immediately making officers available for
32 duty in a training status by January, 1978, and

33 WHEREAS, if the opportunity to employ a substantial number

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1 of new police officers is not exercised there will be added costs
2 to King County and the public by virtue of repetitive training
3 periods for different groups of officers at different time
4 intervals and newly employed officers qualified for duty at
5 different time frames based on changing employment dates, and

6 WHEREAS, if the opportunity to employ a substantial number
7 of new police officers is not exercised, it can be assumed that
8 many individuals who are now eligible for employment will not be
9 available at a later date, requiring additional examinations and
10 processing of applicants, and

11 WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of King County and the
12 public from the standpoint of public policy and fiscal
13 consideration to budget, at a minimum, thirty-six new police
14 officer positions in the Department of Public Safety:

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

16 The Executive is requested to submit an appropriation
17 ordinance to the Council drawing sufficient funds from
18 unappropriated sources to employ immediately thirty-six new
19 police officers in the Department of Public Safety.

20 The Executive is also requested to budget adequate amounts
21 of funds to continue these positions beginning in January, 1978.

22 PASSED this 17th day of October, 1977.

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24 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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26 Mike Lowry
27 Chairman

28 ATTEST:

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30 Dorothy M. Curran
DEPUTY Clerk of the Council