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MOTION NO. 4208

A MOTION creating a Citizens' Advisory Task Force on the Office of the Ombudsman.

WHEREAS, the King County Council and the Seattle City Council in 1970 created a joint Office of the Ombudsman to receive and resolve complaints by citizens who believe they have been adversely affected by administrative abuses from officials in the governments of King County and Seattle, and

WHEREAS, said Councils are jointly responsible for the direction and funding of the Office of the Ombudsman and have authorized by ordinance a Joint Advisory Committee of 3 members from each Council to oversee the operations of the Office, and

WHEREAS, in November of 1978 the King County Council provided funding for the position of Ombudsman through June, 1979 only and directed that the Office should be administered by the two deputies for the remainder of 1979, and

WHEREAS, the City Council provided full funding for the Office in 1979, believing that the position of Ombudsman is necessary for the effective operation of the Office, and

WHEREAS, the two Councils have reactivated the Joint Advisory Committee to discuss their differences on the organizational structure of the Office; and the Committee has, during the last three months, convened on three occasions and heard testimony from the Ombudsman and his two deputies, and

WHEREAS, the Joint Advisory Committee has concluded that the continuing differences regarding the organizational structure of the Office can best be resolved by the appointment of a Citizens' Advisory Task Force to examine the issue and report its findings in September of 1979.

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

That a Citizens' Advisory Task Force shall be created to review and make recommendations regarding the operation and

1 organizational structure of the Office of the Ombudsman; that
 2 the Commission shall be composed of seven members, three to be
 3 appointed by the Council of King County from unincorporated
 4 King County; three by the Council of the City of Seattle. The
 5 members so appointed shall choose by a majority vote a seventh
 6 person who shall act as chairman.

7 The Citizens' Advisory Task Force shall review and make
 8 recommendations on the functions and the operations of the
 9 Office and recommend any changes for the improvement of the
 10 Office. If it is determined by the County Council that the
 11 position of Ombudsman should be filled, the Citizens' Advisory
 12 Task Force shall assist the County and City Councils in selecting
 13 an Ombudsman in accordance with Ordinance No. 473.

14 Certain tasks shall be completed on or before the following
 15 dates:

16 May 7, 1979 The County and City Councils shall appoint
 17 their representatives to the Citizens'
 18 Advisory Task Force and appropriate staff
 support shall be assigned to support the
 Task Force.

19 May 29, 1979 The Task Force shall have surveyed the
 20 ordinance creating the Office of the
 21 Ombudsman and reviewed the past operations
 of the Office. A detailed work program
 shall be adopted.

22 The Joint Advisory Committee shall
 23 determine how the Office shall be admin-
 24 istered following expiration of the
 incumbent Ombudsman's appointment during
 the remainder of 1979.

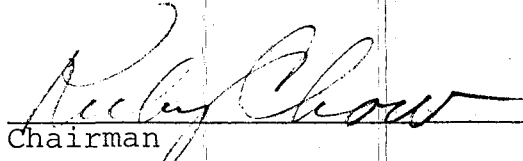
25 August 20, The Task Force shall submit its report
 26 1979 with its recommendations to the Joint
 Advisory Committee.

27 August 27, The Joint Advisory Committee of the
 28 1979 Councils shall begin a review of the
 Task Force report.

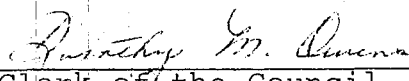
1 October 31, The Joint Advisory Committee shall submit
1979 its report to the two Councils to be
2 acted upon during the annual budget
3 reviews.

4 PASSED this 30th day of April, 1979.

5 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
6 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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8 Chairman

9 ATTEST:

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12 Clerk of the Council

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