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2 A MOTION directing the Executive
3 Administration to identify an alternative
4 site for the County's Work-Education Release
5 Program in addition to the Immigration and
6 Naturalization Building.

7 WHEREAS, the problem of overcrowding in the present King
8 County Jail is a serious problem, needing a timely solution, and

9 WHEREAS, the County Council supports the Executive
10 Administration's intention to seek solutions to the present jail
11 overcrowding, and

12 WHEREAS, the Work-Education Release Program is considered by
13 many public officials and experts in the criminal rehabilitation
14 field to be a positive, constructive, and effective means to
15 reduce present jail overcrowding, and

16 WHEREAS, many citizens of the International District of
17 Seattle strongly oppose the placement of the County Work-
18 Education Release Program in any portion of the Federal
19 Immigration and Naturalization Building, due to fear of incidents
20 of crime that may be committed, and to potential decline of
21 business investments and improvements, and

22 WHEREAS, the International District community was not
23 included in the planning process for County use of the
24 Immigration and Naturalization Building for work release, and

25 WHEREAS, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, dealing
26 with the County use of the Immigration and Naturalization
27 Building, issued August 10, 1979, concedes that it is impossible
28 to obtain data to either prove or reject the negative
29 predictions, as there are no truly comparable data pertaining to
30 a local Work-Education Release Program of similar site and nature
31 as proposed, and

32 WHEREAS, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement also
33 concedes that predictions are impossible to make pertaining to
the negative impacts because there are no communities with the
same set of unique qualities exhibited by the Seattle

1 International District, and

2 WHEREAS, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement reveals
3 that siting in another building other than the Immigration and
4 Naturalization Building would have little or no impact on the
5 time availability schedule for a site to house the Work-Education
6 Release Program.

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

8 No firm commitments be made by the County regarding any
9 Work Release site until the Council is satisfied that the
10 affected community has been involved in the discussion of the
11 program in that location and their major concerns have been
12 addressed, based on:

13 1. Quantitative studies leading to objective conclusions
14 showing that:

15 a. There will be no appreciable decline of business or
16 public investment in what has been legally defined as a unique
17 social and cultural area, and

18 b. There will be no meaningful conflict with planned public
19 investments, goals, and objectives regarding issues of housing,
20 economic, and community development.

21 2. Studies have been performed, and reviewed by the
22 affected community offering evidence as to predictable positive
23 outcomes of such a program based on comparison to other like
24 programs, to the extend feasible.

25 3. As an alternative, the administration should
26 expeditiously begin a process to actively and aggressively
27 explore and identify alternative sites for an expanded program;
28 PROVIDED, that upon developing alternative sites the
29 administration shall work in concert with the affected
30 jurisdiction to insure a timely opportunity for community
31 participation and input prior to any future action by the
32 Council.

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1 PROVIDED, that the Council acknowledge the intensive efforts
 2 of the Administration in attempting to locate a facility for an
 3 expanded Work-Education Program, but it is the policy of the
 4 Council that the interests of King County and the affected
 5 community would best be served by fully exploring alternative
 6 sites rather than committing only to the Immigration and
 7 Naturalization Building.

8 PASSED this 17th day of September, 1979.

10 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
 11 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

12 Ruby Chow
 13 Chairman

14 ATTEST:

15 Roselynn M. Quina
 16 Deputy Clerk of the Council