

MOTION NO 4663

A MOTION indicating support for the continuation of General Revenue Sharing for state and local general purpose governments.

WHEREAS, the President of the United States is now formulating a general revenue sharing proposal for fiscal year 1981.

WHEREAS, the King County Council supports the maintenance of the traditional balance of responsibilities, within the federal system, among federal, state and local general purpose governments, for the delivery of governmental services.

WHEREAS, state and local elected officials are in the best position to identify the needs of their jurisdictions.

WHEREAS, the federal tax structure is able to raise revenues more readily, than local governments can obtain from their own tax sources, particularly in periods of high inflation.

WHEREAS, state and local government ability to maintain service delivery levels is being seriously eroded by the effects of high inflation rates.

WHEREAS, King County government is facing serious fiscal problems from expanded economic activity and additional population growth.

WHEREAS, King County's share, from the formula allocation of general revenue sharing monies, constitutes a significant supplement to revenues raised from local tax sources, and is critical to maintaining adequate local service levels.

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

1. The King County Council supports a permanent general revenue sharing program.
2. This program should include the following provisions:
 - a) Recipients should be state and general purpose local governments.
 - b) Funds should be distributed through an automatic, annual appropriation to entitlement jurisdictions.

1 c) The annual appropriations should reflect the effect of
2 inflation on the purchasing power of the fund.

3 d) Existing civil rights, citizen participation and
4 financial accountability provisions should be continued and
5 enforced.

6 PASSED this 17th day of December, 1979.

7 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
8 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

9 *Ruby Chow*
10 Chairman

11 ATTEST:

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13 *Janet M. Quinn*
14 DEPUTY Clerk of the Council

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