## MOTION NO. 4994

A MOTION authorizing the use of funds previously appropriated for appraisal work and other administrative functions necessary to proceed with the farmland acquisition program, to be reimbursed by the Farmlands and Open Space Acquisition capital fund when bond proceeds are available.

WHEREAS, farmlands and open space are a prime contributor to the desirability of King County as a place to live and visit and are an irreplaceable natural resource currently threatened, and

WHEREAS, the agricultural industry provides to the citizens of the County employment and the opportunity to harvest and purchase locally grown produce, and

WHEREAS, the citizens of King County approved Ordinance
No. 4341 in the November 1979 General Election authorizing
the expenditure of \$50 million from the sale of general obligation bonds for the preservation of farmlands and open space,
and

WHEREAS, the County Council, through Ordinance No. 4645, authorized the appropriation of \$30 million from bond proceeds to the Farmlands and Open Space Acquisition Fund, and

WHEREAS, the State Supreme Court found the Farmlands and Open Space Preservation Program a valid means of preserving these important lands, and

WHEREAS, it is important that the appraisals of eligible properties in the first selection round be completed prior to the sale of the bonds in order to facilitate the purchase of development rights and that the implementation of the Farmlands and Open Space Preservation Program not be delayed.

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

- A. It is the policy of King County that the Farmlands and Open Space Preservation program shall be implemented as directed by the overwhelming majority of voters in King County.
- B. The previously appropriated funds be expended for the costs of appraisals and other necessary administrative functions for the purchase of development rights on eligible lands in accordance with Ordinance No. 4341, and said funds be reimbursed by the Farmlands and Open Space Acquisition capital fund when bond proceeds are available.

PASSED this 18th day of <u>August</u>, 1980

KING COUNTY COUNCIL

KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Cherk of the Council