

MOTION NO. 5583

A MOTION calling on the President and Congress to suspend the production, testing and deployment of nuclear weapons.

WHEREAS, the unleashing of nuclear weapons would cause death, injury and destruction on a scale unprecedented in human experience, and a major nuclear war could end civilized human existence throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, the history of the development and production of nuclear weapons demonstrates that the nuclear arms race is endless and unwinnable; and

WHEREAS, the continued development of new weapons will overtake arms agreements by the time the agreements have been negotiated; and

WHEREAS, both the United States and the Soviet Union now have enough nuclear weapons in their arsenals to destroy major population centers in both nations and in all nations with which they are allied; and

WHEREAS, the technology of nuclear weaponry is rapidly being disseminated, and more countries have or will soon gain the technical proficiency to develop nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, the technical sophistication of the systems of delivery of nuclear weapons and their proliferation has increased the probability that nuclear weapons will be used, whether by design or by accident; and

WHEREAS, the enormous cost of developing and deploying nuclear weapon systems has caused the reallocation of tax resources from local programs that could redevelop our communities and improve the quality of life for many citizens, has contributed in our country to continued high budget deficits and borrowing costs, and has caused the redeployment of technical resources, scientists, engineers, and financial resources necessary for the improved productivity of our economy.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:
King County calls on the President and the Congress
of the United States to propose to the Soviet Union a mutual
suspension of the production, testing and deployment of nuclear
weapons and of the systems designed primarily to deliver nuclear
weapons and upon agreement, to jointly seek negotiation of a
permanent, international and multi-lateral nuclear weapons
ban. The suspension and ban must be subject to rigid inspection.

PASSED this 11th day of October, 1982.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Lois North
Chairman

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Owens
DEPUTY Clerk of the Council