

MOTION NO. 5970

A MOTION relating to youth;
requesting the county executive to
negotiate with the city of Seattle,
and suburban cities to develop
recommendations.

WHEREAS, the county council recognizes its responsibility for the positive development and well being of young people in the county and the need through intergovernmental cooperation to establish a clear and integrated set of policy goals for the county's responsibility and involvement in the provision of social services to the young people and their families residing in King County, and

WHEREAS, King County has a population of approximately 1.3 million persons of which 311,000 are persons under eighteen years of age, and

WHEREAS, presently there is no clear county policy which provides for comprehensive and coordinated planning for services to youth based on defined local needs, and

WHEREAS, existing county practices regarding provision of services to youth are not consistent relative to incorporated and unincorporated areas, and

WHEREAS, public programs of prevention should be supported, programs which demonstrate the ability to delay or reduce the need for costly out-of-home placements and restrict individual chronic social problems, and

WHEREAS, the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice in 1967 gave national attention and support for locally sponsored and operated youth service bureaus to act as central locations for referrals of youth for treatment and intervention programs, and

1 WHEREAS, the state through the recently passed Compre-
2 hensive Children and Family Service Act has recognized its
3 responsibilities in planning for comprehensive youth services,
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the county council historically has taken the lead
6 in supporting community agencies like youth service bureaus
7 which work with youth in their own communities, and

8 WHEREAS, King County is in the position to exercise
9 countywide leadership and to work with state and municipal
10 governments to insure coordinated planning for youth services
11 that are responsive to the needs of the county;

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

13 The county executive is requested to meet and negotiate
14 with representatives of the city of Seattle and the suburban
15 jurisdictions to develop recommendations to the respective
16 legislative bodies to organize and administer the delivery of
17 public services to the youth of King County.

18 The recommendations should;

19 A. Propose to establish preventative human services to
20 youth through the existing network of youth service bureaus and
21 other like agencies as the highest priority.

22 B. Propose a program based on preventative service that
23 will diminish the need for more intensive and costly services
24 required as a result of the current lack of adequate
25 preventative services.

26 C. Propose recommendations for funding and administering a
27 county-wide program, including incorporated jurisdictions,
28 based on intergovernmental cooperation through consistent
29 policies and allocation of existing or anticipated resources.

30 D. Propose specific strategies to identify and vigorously
31 pursue local, state, federal, and private resources to fund
32 programs for youth.

33

The county executive is requested, by June 30, 1984, to issue a status report on the progress in accomplishing the council's intent. Further, the report shall propose timelines leading to formal recommendation to the council by September 1, 1984.

PASSED this 16th day of April, 1984.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Gary Grant
Chairman

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Owens
Clerk of the Council