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PROPOSED NO.:

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MOTION NO.

A MOTION calling upon Charter Review Commission, King County Cities, King County 2000, other interested organizations, and Metro Council to join with King County Council in supporting Charter amendments and legislation to expand the King County Council and to merge the functions of the County with Metro.

WHEREAS, the King County council believes direct representation and accountability to the citizens are the fundamental principle of democratic government, and

WHEREAS, The Metro Council is presently considering a reorganization of its structure in order to assure direct representation and accountability to the citizens to King County for its functions, and

WHEREAS, King County 2000 has released a report calling for consideration of reorganization of local governments in order to ensure more effective and more accountable regional governance. and

WHEREAS, the King County Charter Review Commission is presently reviewing the present structure of King County government to assure it is designed to meet current and future King County problems, and

WHEREAS, it appears that using and adapting existing King County government is a better and simpler method of securing needed reforms, and

WHEREAS, King County Council believes it would be in the best interest of the citizens of King County for King County government to be adapted to meet challenges of regional government for the future, to reduce the number of overlapping governments and bureauracies, and to involve elected representatives of the cities in the process:

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

- A. The Council calls upon the Charter Review Commission, King County cities, the King County 2000, other interested organizations, and the Metro Council to join with the King County council in securing a charter amendment and legislation which would accomplish the following:
- 1. Obtain voter approval of a charter amendment to enlarge the King County council to a number greater than 15 members and create mandatory advisory committees for each regional function made up of elected representatives of King County cities, thereby securing broad representation for all areas of the County in order to be a more effective regional government.
- 2. Authorize the reconstituted King County government to assume the responsibilities and functions of Metro, thereby merging the two governments.

PASSED this 25th day of January, 1988

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk of the Council