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PROPOSED NO.: 88-352

MOTION NO. 7181

A MOTION proclaiming support for efforts to preserve and revitalize the Shipbuilding industry in King County.

WHEREAS, the shipyard industry has employed thousands of the citizens of King County and has been an important contributor to the local economy, and

WHEREAS, the Lockheed shipbuilding facility has been a major part of that industry for over 100 years, and

WHEREAS, at one time the Lockheed Shipbuilding Company employed over 4,000 skilled workers in the Puget Sound region who constructed 43 vessels for delivery to the Naval and merchant fleets of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the Washington state shipbuilding and repair industry has been in decline since 1983 and has experienced a 62% reduction in it's workforce, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the local economy and the community to preserve and revitalize the shipbuilding industry in King County, and

WHEREAS, the Lockheed Corporation currently plans to auction the assets and equipment of the shipyard on May 17, 1988 and should the auction proceed the shipyard will cease to exist and will disappear from the industrial inventory of King County, and

WHEREAS, there are proposals being prepared to purchase the shipyard that will require a minimum of 60 days to finalize for presentation to the Lockheed Corporation;

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

A. The King County council calls upon the Lockheed Corporation to postpone the planned auction of assets or any other action that would threaten the existence of the Lockheed facility as a functioning shipyard for 60 days from May 1, 1988;

B. The King County council requests the Lockheed Corporation to cooperate with the county, the City of Seattle and the state of Washington to assist potential buyers in purchasing and preserving the Lockheed facility as an operating shipyard.

PASSED this 2nd day of May, 1988.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Chairman

ATTEST

  
Clerk of the Council