

July 21, 1988

Introduced by: Lois North

Proposed No.: 88 - 564

MOTION NO. 7259

A MOTION declaring support and action
by the King County Council to promote
adherence to the Code of Fair Campaign
Practices of the Anti-Defamation League.

WHEREAS, the candidates who seek political office through our
country's uniquely democratic system should employ the highest
principles of fairness during their campaigns, and

WHEREAS, each citizen must reject emotional appeals to
prejudice based on race, religion, gender, national origin or
sexual orientation, and

WHEREAS, we urge increased participation of qualified voters
in the objective debate of candidates and issues and in the
electoral process, and

WHEREAS, public officials should set standards for acceptable
campaign behavior, identify those who do not meet the standards
of fairness and prevent prejudice from affecting the debate over
public issues, and

WHEREAS, the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'rith has
prepared and is circulating a Code of Fair Campaign Practices as
a standard for elections throughout the nation;

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

The King County Council enthusiastically supports and
promises to promote adherence to the Code of Fair Campaign
Practices, attached to this motion, and

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BE IT FURTHER MOVED:

The King County Council urges each candidate for public office to sign and endorse the Code and to conduct their campaigns in accordance with the principles stated herein.

PASSED this 25th day of July, 1988.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Gary Grant
Chair

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Owens
Clerk of the Council

Code of Fair Campaign Practices

There are basic principles of decency, honesty and fair play which every candidate for public office in the United States has a moral obligation to observe and uphold, in order that, after vigorously contested but fairly conducted campaigns, our citizens may exercise their constitutional right to a free and untrammelled choice and the will of the people may be fully and clearly expressed on the issues before the country.

THEREFORE, CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE SHOULD:

Conduct campaigns without any appeal to prejudice based on race, religion, gender, national origin or sexual orientation.

Repudiate, immediately and publicly, support from any individual or group which appeals to prejudice based on race, religion, gender, national origin or sexual orientation.

Defend and uphold the right of every qualified American voter to full and equal participation in the electoral process.

Condemn the use of campaign material of any sort which aims at creating or exploiting doubts, without justification, as to any one candidate's loyalty and patriotism.

Our 75th Year



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