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Proposed No. 88-612

MOTION NO. 7278

A MOTION directing the Executive to acquire open space and public park lands in Federal Way contingent upon passage of the Open Space Bond Issue.

WHEREAS, Federal Way is one of the more rapidly-growing areas of unincorporated King County, and

WHEREAS, the parks and natural resources division has determined that, based upon its share of the county's population Federal Way should already have at least 519 acres of park and open space lands, and

WHEREAS, the county has thus far provided 192 acres for public park and open space use, and

WHEREAS, the currently proposed open space bond issue to be voted upon September 20, contains only a small amount of Federal Way land designated for acquisition, and

WHEREAS, the overall amount of the proposed bond issue would have ballooned beyond a cost which would have been supported by the voters if the Federal Way deficiency had been included, and

WHEREAS, nevertheless, the taxpayers of Federal Way will bear a significantly disproportionate burden in liquidating the bond debt compared to the benefits of land acquisitions from the bond proceeds, and

WHEREAS, the parks and natural resources division, working cooperatively with the Federal Way Community Council and the people of Federal Way have identified and prioritized specific properties which must be acquired soon to address the demand for additional park and open space resources in Federal Way, and

WHEREAS, when measured against the acquisitions scheduled in the open space bond issue for other communities, acquisition of these identified and prioritized properties will provide Federal Way with an equitable share of open space to be acquired over the next three years, and

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1 WHEREAS, said Federal Way properties can be acquired by
2 allocation of Conservation Futures funds;

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

4 A. Upon passage of the Open Space Bond Issue on this year's
5 ballot and upon a sixty percent affirmative vote on the Open Space
6 Bond issue by the voters in the electoral precincts in the
7 Federal Way Planning area, the executive is directed to acquire
8 the following properties for public park and open space purposes:

- 9 1. Evergreen Airstrip property at approximately 84 acres,
10 2. Steel Lake Wetlands Outlet at approximately 30 acres,
11 3. Adelaide-Lakota Watershed at approximately 10 acres,
12 4. Lake Dolloff Blueberry Farm at approximately 5 acres,
13 5. Farmland at S.W. 344 & 21 S.W., approximately 70 acres.

14 B. The estimated values of these lands aggregate to about
15 \$6 million, which is the approximate proportional share which
16 should be accorded to Federal Way's citizens in the proposed
17 county-wide acquisitions contained in the Open Space Bond Issue.

18 C. The executive is directed to utilize the resources of
19 King County to accomplish these acquisitions. This would include
20 purchases, trades or donations.

21 D. The council finds that this commitment achieves a fair
22 distribution of taxpayers' resources for park and open space
23 acquisition when combined with bond funds from the Open Space
24 Bond Issue, and that this commitment is contingent upon voter
25 approval of said ballot issue.

26 PASSED this 22nd day of August, 1988.

27 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
28 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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30 Gary Gent
Chairman

31 ATTEST:

32 Donna M. Owens
33 Clerk of the Council