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PROPOSED NO. 89 - 919

MOTION NO. 7778

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A MOTION authorizing the Executive to apply for State Housing Trust Fund assistance thereby assisting residents of an existing mobile home park.

WHEREAS, in 1988 five mobile home parks containing 239 units gave their tenants notice that the parks would close and they had one year to move, and

WHEREAS, vacancies in mobile home parks are very limited, particularly for older homes, and many residents were forced to move to other counties or to sell their home, and

WHEREAS, parks where notice of park closure has been given are predominantly occupied by low-income senior citizens and families without adequate resources to find comparable affordable housing elsewhere in King County, and

WHEREAS, a King County study estimates that up to one quarter of the mobile home parks in the county are at risk in the next five years jeopardizing the homes of about 3,000 primarily low-income households, and

WHEREAS, the King County council passed Motion 7432 requesting the King County executive to slow displacement and provide tenant protections through several means including land use actions and use of available financial resources, and

WHEREAS, resident control of land within mobile home parks through cooperative conversion would provide home owners with long-term security and protection from displacement while providing the park owner a reasonable return on investment, and

WHEREAS, King County staff working with the King County Mobile Home Park Owners Association and the Mobile Home Owners Association of America agree that conducting a demonstration of cooperative conversion is in the best interest of park residents and park owners, and would help promote cooperative conversion as a means of stabilizing the supply of affordable mobile home park sites in the county, and

1 WHEREAS, State Housing Trust Fund assistance is available to local
2 governments who serve very low-income housing needs and meet other program
3 rules and regulations, and

4 WHEREAS, a preliminary application for \$340,000 made by the King County
5 parks, planning and resources department to convert a 100-unit mobile home
6 park to cooperative ownership ranked very high among all applications sub-
7 mitted for State Housing Trust Fund assistance, and the State Department
8 of Community Development encourages King County to submit a final application;

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

10 The King County executive is hereby authorized to submit final appli-
11 cations for funding to the Washington State Department of Community Develop-
12 ment for State Housing Trust Fund assistance.

13 BE IT FURTHER MOVED,


14 The King County executive is authorized to work with the United States
15 Department of Housing and Urban Development to secure cooperative mortgage
16 insurance and to work with private lenders on behalf of homeowners to obtain
17 necessary private financing.

18 PASSED this 18th day of December, 1989.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chairman

23 ATTEST:

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26 Clerk of the Council

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