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INTRODUCED BY: Bruce Laing

PROPOSED NO.: 90-447

MOTION NO. 7925

A MOTION relating to the City of Issaquah's proposed annexation of a portion of the East Sammamish Plateau area.

WHEREAS, the City of Issaquah has filed a "Notice of Intent" with the Washington State Boundary Review Board for King County to annex a 20-square mile portion of an unincorporated area of King County known as the "East Sammamish Plateau," and

WHEREAS, the Boundary Review Board will hold a public hearing on this annexation proposal on May 15, 1990 and must make its decision to approve or deny the proposal by June 14, 1990, and

WHEREAS, if the Boundary Review Board approves the annexation proposal, the City of Issaquah intends to request the county to place the matter on the September 1990 ballot, and

WHEREAS, King County Comprehensive Plan policies PI-302 and PI-304 direct King County to work with cities to focus growth within their boundaries and to identify future annexation areas, and

WHEREAS, King County Comprehensive Plan policy PI-303 directs King County to play an active role in municipal annexations, supporting them when consistent with land use plans and opposing them when inconsistent, and

WHEREAS, King County Comprehensive Plan policy F-113 states that cities are the preferred service providers within future annexation areas, and

WHEREAS, in reviewing the City's Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed annexation, King County identified several concerns, including the financial feasibility of the proposal and the treatment of land use, development, service and environmental issues, and

1       WHEREAS, the County's update of the East Sammamish Community  
2 Plan is underway, and this public process provides a vehicle for  
3 achieving County/City consensus on some of these issues, and

4       WHEREAS, the City of Issaquah intends to participate with  
5 King County in the Community Plan update process, and

6       WHEREAS, the proposed annexation area includes five square  
7 miles of land designated as rural land in the King County  
8 Comprehensive Plan, and

9       WHEREAS, the inclusion of rural lands in the proposed  
10 annexation area conflicts with the intent of the King County  
11 Comprehensive Plan, and

12       WHEREAS, the City of Issaquah has a legitimate interest in  
13 the proposed annexation area on the East Sammamish Plateau, and

14       WHEREAS, the residents in the proposed annexation area have  
15 the right to evaluate the merits of the proposal through an  
16 election, and

17       WHEREAS, in order to make an informed decision on the  
18 proposed annexation, the residents should have the additional  
19 information the County submitted in response to the City's Draft  
20 Environmental Impact Statement, and  
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1 WHEREAS, annexation to an existing city is preferable to  
2 incorporation;

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

4 The King County executive is hereby requested to:

5 1. ask the Boundary Review Board to exclude the rural lands  
6 from the proposed annexation area, thereby allowing the  
7 electorate to vote on the merits of annexation for the balance of  
8 the proposed annexation area; and

9 2. present to the Board the additional information the  
10 county submitted in response to the Draft Environmental Impact  
11 Statement so that the electorate has full and complete  
12 information when voting on this matter.

13 PASSED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1990.

14 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
15 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

16 Lois North  
17 Chair

18 ATTEST:

19 Gerald A. Polan  
20 Clerk of the Council