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Introduced by: Lois North

Proposed No.: 91-73

MOTION NO. 8175

A MOTION adopting King County's 1991 State
Legislative Program.

WHEREAS, the 1989 and 1990 sessions of the Washington State
Legislature provided King County with new regulatory tools
and/or funding sources to meet the needs of its citizens,
especially in the areas of growth management, criminal justice
and mental health, and

WHEREAS, King County has used its new authorities to enact
implementing measures that carry out the Legislature's intent,
including, but not limited to: (1) Imposition of a motor
vehicle excise tax and impact fees to fund roads; (2)
Augmentation of the sales tax and motor vehicle excise tax to
support criminal justice activities; and (3) Reorganization of
the local system for delivering mental health services, and

WHEREAS, King County has used existing authorities to
respond to other critical needs, including, but not limited to:
(1) Adoption of an ordinance protecting environmentally
sensitive areas; and (2) Allocation of discretionary County
moneys as stopgap responses to the crisis in housing and to the
huge unmet need for services to children and their families,
and

WHEREAS, King County, in its role as the only elected
county-wide government, has convened a "summit" of local
elected officials to develop a proposal for a new system of
governance within the county, and

WHEREAS, King County, in taking these actions, has
demonstrated its willingness and capacity both to implement
Legislative intent as it is expressed and to provide leadership
as new issues emerge, and

1 WHEREAS, King County, recognizing that all of these
 2 initiatives are "works in progress" which will require further
 3 cooperation between the State and the County, has developed a
 4 1991 Legislative Program, and

5 WHEREAS, King County will continue to review legislative
 6 developments for possible revision of its 1991 Legislative
 7 Program;

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

10 The specific objectives set forth in this Motion are King
 11 County's highest priorities for passage during the 1991 Session
 12 of the Washington State Legislature.

13 REGIONAL GOVERNANCE

14 o LOCAL DECISION-MAKING ON METRO GOVERNANCE ISSUES. Elected
 15 officials representing King County, the City of Seattle and the
 16 Suburban Cities Association should be allowed to continue the
 17 cooperative process they have established for addressing the
 18 governance issues raised by the recent Federal District Court
 19 decision that the composition of the METRO Council is
 20 unconstitutional.

21 GROWTH MANAGEMENT

22 o REGIONAL DECISION-MAKING ON LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION
 23 ISSUES. King County seeks legislation to allow Puget Sound
 24 Counties and Cities wide latitude in developing interlocal
 25 agreements governing regional land use and transportation
 26 planning.

27 o CONSISTENCY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANS. King County seeks
 28 legislation which would require local governments within a
 29 county to develop a process for ensuring that their
 30 comprehensive plans are consistent with one another and meet
 31 the goals of SHB 2929.

32 o STATE AND SPECIAL DISTRICT CONSISTENCY WITH COMPREHENSIVE
 33 PLANS. King County seeks legislation to require that plans
 34 and capital budgets developed by State agencies and special

1 districts be consistent with local and regional comprehensive
2 plans and development regulations.

3 o ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN UNDERSERVED REGIONS. King County
4 seeks legislation to promote economic development in areas that
5 lag behind statewide growth averages.

6 o DISTRICT-WIDE IMPOSITION OF SCHOOL IMPACT FEES. King
7 County seeks legislation to require that development impact
8 fees for common school construction be imposed district-wide.

9 o STABLE SOURCES OF REVENUES FOR COMMON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.
10 King County seeks legislation which would lead to increased
11 funding from more stable revenue sources for the Common School
12 Construction Fund.

13 LAW AND JUSTICE

14 o IMPROVED OPERATION OF THE KING COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. King
15 County seeks legislation which would: 1) Authorize the
16 addition of twelve judges to be phased in by 1994; 2) Place a
17 constitutional amendment on the ballot to remove the
18 restriction on the number of court commissioners; 3) Eliminate
19 statutory provisions as to the number of court reporters
20 required; and 4) Provide concurrent jurisdiction to the
21 district courts over anti-harassment cases.

22 o IMPROVED OPERATION OF KING COUNTY DISTRICT COURTS. King
23 County seeks legislation to increase the number of district
24 court judges from 24 to 26 positions.

25 o JAIL CONSTRUCTION. King County will continue to explore
26 funding mechanisms to meet its jail construction and
27 operational needs.

28 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

29 o AN INTEGRATED SERVICE SYSTEM. King County is developing
30 and implementing a program of integrated services for children
31 and their families. The County urges the state to work with it
32 in establishing funding requirements and implementation phases
33 for state-supported components of the program, including child
34 welfare, mental health and substance abuse.

1 o FUNDING FOR SERVICES RELATING TO FAMILY VIOLENCE. King
2 County seeks a state budget that would: 1) Continue the
3 state's financial support of the County's Family Violence
4 Project; 2) Provide funds to supplement County and City
5 financial assistance to emergency shelters that house victims
6 of family violence and their children; and 3) Support
7 treatment services for victims of family violence, their
8 batterers and their children.

9 o FUNDING TO REDUCE INFANT MORTALITY. King County seeks a
10 state budget that provides funds for the Community Health
11 Outreach Workers Program, the Women Infants and Children
12 Program, and the High Priority Infant Tracking Project to
13 reduce infant mortality.

14 o HOUSING FOR AT RISK YOUTH. King County seeks legislation
15 to provide additional residential options for homeless and
16 runaway youth.

17 o IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CHILD CARE PROGRAM. King County seeks
18 legislation that would: 1) Increase the availability of child
19 care; and 2) Improve the state's monitoring of child care
20 facilities by expanding its inspection and licensing services.

21 MENTAL HEALTH

22 o CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO MENTAL HEALTH REFORM. King County
23 seeks legislation that would continue the State's commitment to
24 reform the mental health system by funding: 1) Expansion of
25 community based services provided to the chronically mentally
26 ill by regional support networks; 2) Expansion of local
27 capacity to meet the state-mandated goal of serving 85% of
28 short-term involuntary commitments within King County by 1993;
29 3) Increases in hospital reimbursement rates to retain in the
30 system facilities that serve short term involuntary and
31 voluntary hospitalizations; 4) Permanent housing with
32 community support services for the mentally ill; and 5) Salary
33 increases and other incentives needed to hire and retain
34 qualified mental health professionals.

1 o ADEQUATE SERVICES FOR MENTALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN. King
2 County seeks a state budget which: 1) Expands capacity within
3 the system to meet the needs of mentally disturbed children
4 currently unable to obtain service; and 2) Expands the service
5 options tailored to children, including early intervention,
6 crisis response, intensive case management, day treatment and
7 outpatient counseling.

8 SUBSTANCE ABUSE

9 o RESTORATION OF SERVICES. King County seeks a state budget
10 that restores the grant-in-aid program for substance abusers to
11 the level funded by the Legislature in the 1987-89 biennium.

12 o EXPANSION OF INPATIENT SERVICES. King County seeks a state
13 budget that provides additional treatment beds for alcohol and
14 chemically dependent low income youth and families.

15 o RESTRICTIONS ON FORTIFIED WINE. King County seeks
16 legislation that would place restrictions on the sale of
17 fortified wine.

18 o DISCOURAGING ALCOHOL ABUSE. King County seeks legislation
19 that would ban the promotion of alcoholic beverages and
20 discourage the consumption of alcohol.

21 PUBLIC HEALTH

22 o MAINTENANCE OF FUNDING LEVELS. King County seeks a state
23 budget that maintains at least the current level of funding for
24 public health services.

25 o INCREASED AIDS EFFORTS. King County seeks a state budget
26 that increases funding levels for Regional AIDS Service
27 Networks.

28 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

29 o FUNDS FOR AN ADEQUATE LEVEL OF SERVICES. King County seeks
30 a state budget that contains adequate funding to provide: 1)
31 Transition services for developmentally disabled students
32 leaving school; 2) Comprehensive services for infants 0 to 3
33 years of age who are currently unserved; 3) Services which
34 enable families to maintain developmentally disabled children

1 in their homes; and 4) Vendor rate increases for community
2 based day program providers.

3 o SERVICES FOR THE UNSERVED. King County seeks legislation
4 that would require development of a plan to provide services to
5 the approximately 3,300 individuals in the state who are on
6 waiting lists and receiving no services.

7 o LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES.
8 King County opposes any efforts to displace the County as the
9 administrator of the community based residential services
10 program for the developmentally disabled.

11 HOUSING

12 o STABLE FUNDING FOR HOUSING PROGRAMS. King County seeks
13 legislation to provide a permanent, stable funding source for
14 the Housing Trust Fund.

15 o ASSISTANCE TO RELOCATING MOBILE HOME PARK TENANTS. King
16 County seeks legislation to assist mobile home park tenants
17 threatened by displacement because of park closures by: 1)
18 Conferring upon housing authorities, tenant groups and
19 nonprofit agencies a first right of refusal on the purchase of
20 parks that are being sold for redevelopment; and 2) Providing
21 funds for emergency relocation assistance to tenants evicted
22 during the period the Mobile Home Relocation Assistance Act is
23 under appeal.

24 TAXATION

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26 o AN EQUITABLE APPROACH TO PROPERTY TAX RELIEF. King County
27 urges that any legislation to reform the property tax system be
28 founded upon sound public policy which: 1) Does not erode
29 local government's ability to provide service; 2) Does not
30 have the effect of shifting the tax burden to people least able
31 to pay; 3) Is equitable to all taxing districts; 4) May be
32 implemented without undermining the assessment process; and 5)
33 Reimburses the County for any lost revenues or any costs
34 associated with implementation.

1 o REFORM OF THE SENIOR AND DISABLED EXEMPTION. King County
2 seeks legislation which: 1) Increases the maximum income
3 level at which senior citizens and disabled persons may qualify
4 for deferral of and/or exemption from the payment of property
5 taxes; and 2) Excludes expenditures for home health care and
6 prescription medicines from the definition of eligible income
7 levels.

8 PASSED this 28th day of January, 1991.

9 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
10 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

11 Lois North
12 Chair

13 ATTEST:

14 Gerald A. Peterson
15 Clerk of the Council

16 CONCURRING:

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18 Tim Hill
19 King County Executive