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A MOTION requesting the Executive to submit an earthquake preparedness plan for council review and approval.

WHEREAS, the county auditor in a management audit completed in October, 1990 found that King County has an "all hazards" plan, but has no specific plans for addressing earthquake disasters, and

WHEREAS, the auditor found the county has not prepared a hazards vulnerability analysis for determining the vulnerability of persons, property, and equipment to damage from an earthquake and the secondary hazards of earthquakes such as building collapse, and

WHEREAS, the auditor found that there was an overall lack of coordination between county agencies with primary Emergency Management responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, the auditor found the county has not coordinated with other jurisdictions to identify and agree upon regional responsibilities for responding to a major earthquake, and

WHEREAS, the auditor found education and training is not sufficient in King county to ensure operational readiness and employee safety in an earthquake, and

WHEREAS, the auditor found the current county communications system has no backup and its ability to survive a major earthquake is questionable, and

WHEREAS, the auditor found that while current county building codes reflect 1988 standards and information known about seismic hazards, standards under which buildings, including concrete and masonry structures, were constructed prior to 1952 have probably resulted in more vulnerability;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County: The Executive is requested by September 13, 1991 to submit for council review and approval, an earthquake preparedness plan containing the following at a minimum:

1           1. earthquake response contingency plans, including a plan  
2 for mobilizing civilian emergency worker response and a  
3 mechanism for ensuring indemnification by the state of  
4 Washington consistent with state law of civilian emergency  
5 workers, including but not limited to construction contractors  
6 and laborers, architects, engineers, and other persons  
7 assisting with emergency response;

8           2. the establishment of a central disaster response  
9 committee;

10           3. long and short term alternatives to mitigate earthquake  
11 damage;

12           4. appropriate training priorities and plan;

13           5. identification of areas in King County prone to  
14 liquefaction;

15           6. a vulnerability analysis of masonry and concrete  
16 buildings in unincorporated King County; together with county-  
17 owned buildings irrespective of location;

18           7. a plan for maintaining the county communications  
19 system;

20           8. a mechanism for interagency and interjurisdictional  
21 cooperation, and

22           9. a mechanism for public education.

23 PASSED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1991.

24 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
25 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

26 Lois North  
27 Chair

28 ATTEST:

29 Gerald A. Peterson  
30 Clerk of the Council