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1 MOTION NO. 8459

2 A MOTION expressing the intent of the  
3 King County Council to implement  
4 improvements in services for children and  
5 families based on recommendations of the  
6 King County Children and Families Task  
7 Force.

8 WHEREAS, the King County council adopted Motion 7204 in  
9 1988 establishing prevention and early intervention services  
10 for children and families as the focus of funds set aside for  
11 health and human services from the increase in local sales tax  
12 and adopting funding policies and an expenditure plan, and

13 WHEREAS, the initial appropriation of the Health and Human  
14 Services Set-Aside funds in 1988 provided support for new and  
15 expanded child care, family violence intervention, prenatal and  
16 postnatal health care and teen pregnancy prevention and parent  
17 training programs involving the departments of health and human  
18 services and the prosecuting attorney's office, and

19 WHEREAS, the 1990 evaluation of the prevention and early  
20 intervention programs established pursuant to Motion 7204  
21 indicated that the individual programs were working as planned  
22 and achieving expected results but that the overall system of  
23 services for children and families at-risk remained fragmented  
24 and difficult for individuals, families and the general public  
25 to understand and use effectively, and

26 WHEREAS, the King County council recognized the need to  
27 begin integrating pre-existing programs such as the Youth and  
28 Family Services Network with the new programs funded pursuant  
29 to Motion 7204 by incorporating them into the Health and Human  
30 Services Program and renaming it the Children and Family  
31 Services Program in the 1991 adopted budget, and

32 WHEREAS, there is a growing recognition that meaningful  
33 anti-crime programs have to focus on promoting healthy families

1 and communities as well as improvements to the criminal justice  
2 system, and

3 WHEREAS, Ordinance 8577 authorized establishment of a  
4 Children and Family Commission to plan and oversee development  
5 of services for children and families, but the commission has  
6 not been established due to lack of staff to support its work,  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the King County executive appointed a Children  
9 and Families Task Force to review all county programs for  
10 children and families including both prevention/early  
11 intervention and treatment and detention for more severely  
12 troubled children and youth and to recommend ways to increase  
13 the positive impact of county efforts on behalf of children and  
14 families, and

15 WHEREAS, the executive has transmitted the report and  
16 recommendations of the Children and Families Task Force  
17 together with a budget proposal to implement a key  
18 recommendation of the task force and to staff the Children and  
19 Family Commission and an ordinance modifying and giving further  
20 direction to the commission, and

21 WHEREAS, the Children and Families Task Force report  
22 includes a recommended policy plan and a number of significant  
23 recommendations for implementing these policies which deserve  
24 timely and careful review and consideration;

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

26 In response to the report of the King County Children and  
27 Families Task Force, entitled "Partnerships for the Future: A  
28 Vision for King County's Children and Families, the King County  
29 council affirms its intent to:

30 A. Provide staff support for the establishment and  
31 operation of the King County Children and Families Commission  
32 as part of the 1992 budget.

33 B. Review the existing code regarding the Children and  
34 Family Commission and adopt changes as deemed appropriate by

1 December 30, 1991 so that the recruitment and appointment of  
2 commission members can begin in January 1992.

3 C. Review the policy plan and related recommendations  
4 developed by the Children and Families Task Force, adopt a King  
5 County Children, Youth and Families Policy Plan by February 24,  
6 1992 and charge the Children and Family Commission with  
7 developing an initial implementation plan and subsequent  
8 biennial updates for executive and council review and approval.  
9 This policy plan shall emphasize:

10 1. the development of family support initiatives,  
11 generated by community groups and building upon the strengths  
12 and abilities of local families, communities and schools,

13 2. the coordination and connection of county programs  
14 and services with each other and to these communities, and

15 3. the development of an assessment and evaluation  
16 process which regularly measures changes in the health and  
17 well-being of children, their families and their community  
18 environment and provides a basis for targeting and measuring  
19 the impact of policy, programming and funding initiatives.

20 D. Set-aside funds in the 1992 budget to implement  
21 community-based, family support initiatives based on criteria  
22 and procedures to be developed for executive and council review  
23 and approval in the implementation plan described in Section C.  
24 above. The due date for the implementation plan will be  
25 established at the time of adoption of the Children, Youth and  
26 Family Policy Plan. Priority shall be given to funding  
27 projects from unincorporated area communities, communities of  
28 color and communities crossing over city/county boundaries  
29 where the city is also a partner.

30 PASSED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1991.

31 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
32 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

33 Lois North  
34 Chair

35 ATTEST:

36 Gerald A. Peterson  
37 Clerk of the Council