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Introduced by: Larry Phillips

Proposed No.: 92-375

MOTION NO. 8664

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2 A MOTION endorsing application to the  
3 State of Washington Interagency Committee  
4 on Outdoor Recreation (IAC) by the  
5 Washington State Parks and Recreation  
6 Commission for acquisition of 620 acres  
7 of property on Squak Mountain.

8 WHEREAS, the King County Council and Executive, by  
9 Ordinance 8657, adopted the King County Open Space Plan, and

10 WHEREAS, the Open Space Plan identifies a 620-acre parcel  
11 of property located immediately to the south of Squak Mountain  
12 State Park for protection through acquisition by a public  
13 agency, and

14 WHEREAS, the Open Space Plan identifies the Interstate 90  
15 corridor as an important part of the regional open space  
16 system, and

17 WHEREAS, the King County Open Space Plan established  
18 policy "OS-107", which states, "King County should participate  
19 with federal, state and other local government agencies in land  
20 trades and joint acquisitions, or contribute to other agencies  
21 acquisitions, of regionally important open space lands", and

22 WHEREAS, continue growth and urbanization of portions of  
23 King County in and along the Interstate 90 corridor threaten to  
24 make the future acquisition of property rights necessary to the  
25 preservation of the I-90 corridor impracticable, and

26 WHEREAS, recent subdivision of a portion of the 620-acre  
27 property into 20-acre lots could soon lead to the sale of  
28 individual parcels that will make accomplishment of this  
29 acquisition impracticable, and

30 WHEREAS, the Trust for Public Land, a national not-for-  
31 profit land conservation organization, has purchased several of  
32 the most sensitive lots totaling approximately half of the 620-  
33 acre property, has secured an option to purchase the remainder  
34 of the 620-acre property and has agreed to offer the property  
35 for sale to the State Department of Parks, and

1           WHEREAS, King County, by Motion 7886, established the King  
2 County Open Space Citizen Oversight Committee the ("Committee")  
3 to provide advice and counsel to King County government, and

4           WHEREAS, the Committee has reviewed the proposal that  
5 State Parks Commission apply for funding to the State  
6 Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for \$1.8 million  
7 from the fund allocated to acquisition of State Parks and \$1.8  
8 million to the Urban Wildlife Habitat Account fund to acquire  
9 the aforementioned 620-acre parcel on Squak Mountain as an  
10 addition to Squak Mountain State Park and the Committee has  
11 passed a motion in support of such an application, and

12           WHEREAS, Motion 8538, includes applications by King County  
13 to the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation Urban  
14 Wildlife Habitat Account for funding of the Greenwood property  
15 and Cougar Mountain/Squak Mountain Corridor projects and the  
16 council acknowledges that the State request for funds from the  
17 Urban Wildlife Habitat Account could potentially result in the  
18 loss of funding of the county Greenwood and Squak/Tiger  
19 corridor project applications which have been made to the same  
20 IAC accounts;

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

22           The council of King County formally endorses the State  
23 Parks and Recreation Commission application to the State  
24 Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation for \$1.8 million  
25 from the fund allocated to acquisition of State Parks and \$1.8  
26 million to the Urban Wildlife Habitat Account fund to acquire  
27 the aforementioned 620-acre parcel on Squak Mountain as an

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addition to Squak Mountain State Park and requests the county executive to provide a letter of support for the application.

PASSED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1972

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Audrey Luger  
Chair

ATTEST:

Donald A. Peters  
Clerk of the Council