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MOTION NO.

**8704**

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2 A MOTION relating to regional governance;  
3 calling for a meeting of elected  
4 officials from King County jurisdictions  
5 to discuss governance issues for the  
6 Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle  
7 (Metro) and King County.

8 WHEREAS, on June 18, 1992 the Honorable William Dwyer,  
9 Judge, U.S. District Court for the Western District of  
10 Washington issued a final order in the case of Cunningham et al  
11 v. METRO (No. C89-1587D) providing that on April 30, 1993 only  
12 the members of the King County Council and the King County  
13 Executive shall have the authority to vote as members of the  
14 Metro Council, and

15 WHEREAS, a majority of the voters of King County voting at  
16 the general election of November 5, 1991 voted in favor of  
17 ballot propositions conferring the statutory powers of Metro on  
18 King County and amending the King County charter to provide for  
19 13 councilmembers and intergovernmental committees to review  
20 county-wide policy plans, and

21 WHEREAS, such ballot propositions were defeated solely due  
22 to a statutory dual-majority requirement for county-Metro  
23 merger, which statute is the subject of on-going litigation in  
24 federal court, and

25 WHEREAS, during 1990 and 1991 the Regional Governance  
26 Summit convened by King County provided a forum for detailed  
27 discussions by elected officials representing King County, the  
28 City of Seattle, and suburban cities of King County regarding  
29 the appropriate form of governance for county-wide issues  
30 including transit, water quality, transportation, growth  
31 management and other issues. The Regional Governance Summit

1 led to the ballot proposals approved by a majority of voters in  
2 1991 and provided for the formal involvement of representatives  
3 of both incorporated and unincorporated areas, and

4 WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens of  
5 King County for decisions regarding the structure of their  
6 regional government to be made with a substantial consensus of  
7 views of their elected representatives, and

8 WHEREAS, the most effective way to ensure such consensus  
9 is to reconvene the Regional Governance Summit in a timely  
10 manner to allow consideration of possible ballot propositions  
11 or legislative proposals as alternatives to implementation of  
12 Judge Dwyer's order;

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

14 A. King County invites all elected officials who  
15 participated in the prior Regional Governance Summit or their  
16 successors to join with King County in reconvening the Regional  
17 Governance Summit. The initial meeting shall take place in the  
18 Metro Council Chambers at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, July 1, 1992  
19 at the written invitation of the chair of the county council.

20 B. King County declares as a matter of policy that it  
21 desires to reach agreement with affected jurisdictions in King  
22 County as to the best governmental structure to represent the  
23 people of the county on issues affecting public transit,  
24 transportation, and water quality. The recent success of the  
25 Growth Management Planning Council in developing a recommended

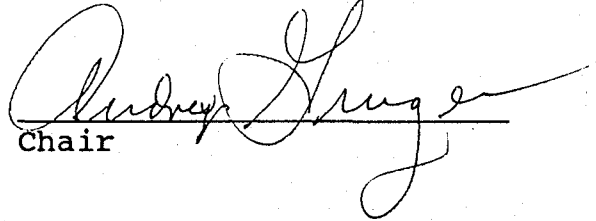
1 countywide policy plan is an example of the ability of these  
2 governments to work together effectively to plan for the  
3 region's future.

4 PASSED this 22nd day of June, 1992.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

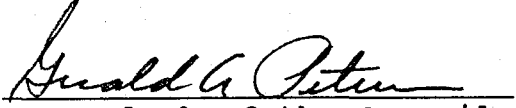
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Chair

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ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council