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Introduced by: _____

Proposed No.: 92-803

MOTION NO. 8816

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A MOTION relating to the purchase and sale by King County of a section of land presently owned by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources; declaring the intent of King County to acquire such lands and authorizing a direct negotiated sale of portions of such lands and interests therein pursuant to K.C.C. 4.56.100, and declaring such to be surplus to the future foreseeable needs of King County.

WHEREAS, a 640 acre section of land on the east edge of the Sammamish Plateau, known as "Section 36", presently owned by the State of Washington Common Schools Trust and administered by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), will be sold by the state in the immediate future, and

WHEREAS, such a large parcel of undeveloped land on the margin of the urbanizing area of eastern King County provides a historic opportunity to secure for the public significant recreational and open space rights which are likely to be substantially more expensive to acquire in the future, and

WHEREAS, preliminary findings of the Park and Open Space Needs Assessment conclude that this vicinity is critically underserved for parks and open space needs, and

WHEREAS, direct sale of such lands to King County by DNR is authorized by the provisions of chapter 167, 1992 Laws of Washington, and

WHEREAS, King County could acquire valuable public interests in such lands with minimal expenditure of public funds through a negotiated transaction involving purchase from DNR and sale of the remaining surplus interests in lands to a private party who would provide funds for the initial acquisition of the entire section of land, and

1 WHEREAS, King County's interests would be served by the
2 acquisition of an option to purchase one-half section of the
3 property and restrictive covenants over remaining portions:

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

5 A. It is the policy of King County that it shall seek to
6 acquire Section 36 from the State of Washington through a
7 direct negotiated sale. King County will have the financial
8 capability to acquire Section 36 through funds provided by a
9 purchase and sale agreement for the rights described in Section
10 B, below. King County will seek to acquire the property during
11 or prior to December, 1992. The County Executive is requested
12 to designate a person or persons to represent King County in
13 negotiations with DNR. A final decision by King County to
14 acquire Section 36 should be made by November 2, 1992. Passage
15 of this motion shall not constitute a binding obligation by
16 King County to acquire the property.

17 B. Unique circumstances make it in the best interests of
18 the public for there to be a negotiated direct sale by King
19 County of rights in such property beyond those of an option to
20 purchase the southerly half-section and appropriate
21 conservation easements and restrictive covenants on portions of

1 the remaining property, which easements and covenants the
2 county hopes will ultimately be managed and stewarded by a non-
3 profit conservancy body such as the Seattle-King County Land
4 Conservancy. A direct sale of such rights is hereby
5 authorized under the provisions of K.C.C. 4.56.100.

6 PASSED this 19th day of October, 1992

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Audrey S. [Signature]
Chair

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ATTEST:

13 Gerald A. [Signature]
14 Clerk of the Council