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MOTION NO. 8888

A MOTION supporting new federal budget  
priorities for the United States of  
America.

WHEREAS, King County, which ranks 13th among 3,000 U.S.  
counties in total population (1,564,500 estimated in 1992),  
considers the welfare of its youth to be a high priority, and

WHEREAS, King County recognizes the importance of  
providing every child in our community a quality education and  
encouraging children to succeed in school at least through  
graduation from high school, and

WHEREAS, there is a well-established relationship between  
lack of success in school and later use of expensive county  
criminal justice services and facilities, and

WHEREAS, the success of children in school depends in part  
on successfully addressing risk factors, such as health and  
self-esteem, long before they enter school, and

WHEREAS, the county council has provided leadership in  
adopting policies and funding early intervention and prevention  
programs which serve at-risk pre-school and school-age youth,  
and

WHEREAS, King County provides directly or through contract  
a variety of recreational, cultural, health and human service  
programs to youth in partnership with its 19 local public  
school districts and other agencies serving youth, and

WHEREAS, specific programs serving pre-school and school-  
age children provided or supported by the county include youth  
and family networks, alcohol and substance abuse prevention and  
treatment, summer reading camp, young family independence  
program, vocational education, cooperative extension, child  
health and nutritional education, drug abuse resistance

1 education (DARE), pre- and post-natal health care,  
2 immunizations, child care, tutoring for detained youth, late-  
3 night teen recreation, and

4 WHEREAS, our nation's success in the post-Cold War world  
5 will depend on the ability of our community's public schools to  
6 educate each and every child, and

7 WHEREAS, no single community school district has the  
8 financial capacity to both build a quality education program  
9 for the 21st Century and overcome the social and economic  
10 problems that prevent students from coming to school ready to  
11 learn, and

12 WHEREAS, the federal government often mandates programs to  
13 address social and economic issues at the local school district  
14 level but does not adequately fund them, thus limiting the  
15 local capacity to adequately educate children,

16 WHEREAS, the end of the Cold War and the collapse of the  
17 Soviet Union offer a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make  
18 education one of our most important national priorities, and

19 WHEREAS, the United States ranks fourteenth among  
20 industrial nations in spending tax dollars on children and  
21 elementary and secondary education, and

22 WHEREAS, the national organizations that represent people  
23 at the local level who care deeply about education--the  
24 National School Boards Association, the National Parent Teacher  
25 Association, the National Association of Elementary School  
26 Principals, the National Association of Secondary School  
27 Principals, the American Association of School Administrators,  
28 the Council of Great City Schools, the National Education  
29 Association, and the American Federation of Teachers--have  
30 jointly called for new federal budget priorities that reflect  
31 post-cold War realities;

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

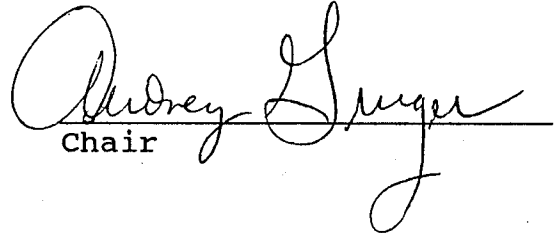
33 A. The King County Council joins school districts and  
34 local governments across the United States in urging Congress  
35 and the President to reorder federal spending priorities with

1 the goals of ensuring that every child comes to school healthy  
 2 and ready to learn and that every child is provided a high  
 3 quality education.


4 B. The King County Council specifically urges Congress and  
 5 the President to fully fund programs which foster these goals,  
 6 including: Head Start, Native American education, Chapter One  
 7 (remedial education for economically-disadvantaged students),  
 8 drug and alcohol prevention/treatment services and educational  
 9 programs, staff development, handicapped education, bilingual  
 10 services, special education, and programs for medically-fragile  
 11 children.

12 PASSED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1993.

13 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
 14 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

15   
 16 Chair

17 ATTEST:

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 19 Clerk of the Council

20 Attachments: None