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Introduced by: Kent Pullen

Proposed No.: 93-169

MOTION NO. 8932

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2 A MOTION supporting Northwest Racing
3 Associates' proposal to build a
4 thoroughbred horse park in the City of
5 Auburn.

6 WHEREAS, the closing of Longacres Park in Renton has left
7 western Washington without a race track and facilities
8 sufficient to accommodate significant thoroughbred racing
9 activities, and

10 WHEREAS, Northwest Racing Associates, a Washington
11 limited partnership, proposes to obtain land use approvals and
12 construction approvals for a thoroughbred horse racing park on
13 approximately 190 acres in Auburn, and

14 WHEREAS, the facility known as the Auburn Thoroughbred
15 Racetrack would include a one-mile oval racetrack, horse
16 stalls, grandstands, restaurants, parimutuel windows, and
17 appropriate parking and accessories, and

18 WHEREAS, construction of a new racing facility is
19 estimated to provide approximately 900 full-time and part-time
20 jobs and when completed the facility would employ 550 people,
21 and

22 WHEREAS, many thousands of King County residents, attend
23 and support thoroughbred racing events, and the location of a
24 new state-licensed (class B) track in King County will maintain
25 and enhance the economy and recreational opportunities of the
26 county and the state, and

27 WHEREAS, King County contains breeding farms and training
28 farms for thoroughbred race horses which employ many people and
29 contribute to the viability of agriculture in the county, and

1 WHEREAS, the proposal for Auburn Thoroughbred Racetrack
2 is consistent with King County Comprehensive Plan policies
3 particularly E-213 which calls for racetracks to be located
4 within urban areas where facilities are available to serve the
5 site, and

6 WHEREAS, the proposed Auburn Thoroughbred Racetrack would
7 be consistent with county policies to protect farmland
8 particularly on the Enumclaw Plateau and Snoqualmie Valley
9 where a voter-approved bond issue has been used to purchase the
10 development rights of prime agricultural land, and

11 WHEREAS, Northwest Racing Associates has entered into a
12 lease for the proposed Auburn site, raised \$20,000,000 in
13 equity financing, obtained \$16,000,000 in bank financing, and
14 filed an application with the Washington Horse Racing
15 Commission for a license, and

16 WHEREAS, Northwest Racing Associates has requested no
17 public funds in order to implement its proposal, and

18 WHEREAS, King County will realize both property tax and
19 sales tax revenue from Auburn Thoroughbred Racetrack,


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

21 A. The council supports Northwest Racing Associates'
22 proposal to site a racetrack in Auburn.

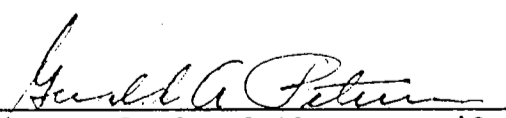
23 B. The council clerk shall forward copies of this motion
24 to the appropriate officials of the City of Auburn and the
25 Washington State Horse Racing Commission.

26 PASSED this 8th day of March, 1993.

27 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
28 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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30 VICE Chair

31 ATTEST:

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33 Clerk of the Council

34 Attachments: None