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A MOTION approving the elements and scope of the local law and justice plan as designed by the local law and justice council, pursuant to RCW 72.09.300

WHEREAS, the Regional Law, Safety, and Justice Committee was established by the county council as the Local Law and Justice Council pursuant to RCW 72.09.300, and

WHEREAS, the Local Law and Justice Council is required to develop a local law and justice plan for the County and is required to design the elements and scope of the plan, and

WHEREAS, the Local Law and Justice Council has designed the elements and scope of the local law and justice plan as submitted to the county council on April 15, 1994, and

WHEREAS, the Regional Policy Committee of the King County Council considered the local law and justice plan on August 25, 1994, and

WHEREAS, the Regional Policy Committee of the King County Council did consider the local law and justice plan and recommend that the plan be amended;

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

A. The elements and scope of the local law and justice plan, as specified in Attachment A, as amended by the Regional Policy Committee, is hereby approved.

B. The local law and justice plan is approved subject to the submission of an initial work plan to the Regional Policy Committee to include elements of the work plan pertaining to municipal and district court services.

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C. The Local Law and Justice Council shall provide regular reports, to be made at least quarterly, to the Regional Policy Committee on its progress on the local law and justice plan.

PASSED by a vote of 11 to 0 this 6th day of September, 1994.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kent Pullen
Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald A. Peterson
Clerk of the Council

Attachments: A. Amended King County Local Law and Justice Plan Work program and Outline.

*Attachment A.**As Amended by the Regional Policy Committee*

**King County
Local Law and Justice Plan
Work Program**

Background

The Regional Law, Safety, and Justice Committee (RLSJC) is the designated Local Law and Justice Council for King County. Pursuant to RCW 72.09.300, the RLSJC as the Council for King County is responsible for developing a Local Law and Justice Plan (LLJP). State law also requires that the elements and scope for the LLJP be approved by the county legislative authority. In addition, the motion designating the RLSJC as the Local Law and Justice Council for King County sets a deadline of April 15, 1994 for transmittal of the work program to the Council.

State law requires the plan to address the following areas:

- A. Seek means to maximize local resources including personnel and facilities,
- B. Reduce duplication of services,
- C. Share resources between local and State governments in order to accomplish local efficiencies without diminishing effectiveness, and
- D. Management of the jail population.

Proposal

The LLJP will be a comprehensive assessment of criminal justice services within all jurisdictions in King County. In general, the LLJP will include a description, inventory, and forecast for each component of the criminal justice system. In addition, the system as a whole will be examined for its strengths and weaknesses by developing indicators of the "health" of the criminal justice system. The value of this plan will be indispensable for examining the future requirements for meeting the region's public safety needs and for identifying and implementing efficiencies in the criminal justice system.

The extensive effort to complete the LLJP is probably beyond the resources of any one jurisdiction or group of jurisdictions. However, work must start soon to meet the State requirements. The RLSJC proposes to complete the LLJP in two phases. In 1994, the plan would focus on two components of the criminal justice system: 1) Jail Resources and Population Management and 2) Law Enforcement Services.

Jail Resources and Population Management: Not only does the State require a section on jail related issues but also the severe crowding in King County's facilities necessitates an immediate review of this area.

Law Enforcement Services: All levels of government devote significant portions of their budgets on law enforcement and yet crime remains the major concern of the public. There is a need to define regional and local services and assess any potential gaps in these services. Issues range from inadequate regional records and criminal history systems to defining and implementing community policing. There may be areas of law enforcement where improved coordination could lead to more efficient and effective services. Immediately proceeding with work on law enforcement services will inform both elected officials and the public of potential improvements to law enforcement services and their associated costs.

In 1995, the LLJP will be expanded to include the other components of the criminal justice system such as the courts, prosecution, defense, juvenile detention, and communications.

An outline and schedule for Phase I of the plan is attached.

The RLSJC further proposes that jurisdictions coordinate on a joint staffing effort to develop the plan under the direction of a subcommittee of the RLSJC. The staff workgroup would consist of representatives from King County, City of Seattle, suburban cities, and the State of Washington.

The following time frame is recommended:

**Work Program
Local Law and Justice Plan for King County**

<u>Phase I: Jail and Law Enforcement Services</u>	<u>Jail Services</u>	<u>Law Enforcement</u>
Submit Work Program to King County Council	April 1994	
Appoint RLSJC Subcommittee and Staff Workgroup	April 1994	
Develop Inventory of Services and Descriptions	May 1994	
Forecast of Services and Develop Indicators	June 1994	
Develop Options for Improvements to Services (i.e., coordination and service enhancements)	July 1994	
Completion of Phase I Plan.	August 1994	

Outline
Local Law and Justice Plan for King County

I. Introduction

A. Purpose of Plan

1. Seek means to maximize local resources
2. Reduce duplication of services
3. Share resources between state, federal, and local law and justice agencies in an efficient and effective manner
4. Develop strategies and/or/policies to identify and solve regional issues/problems

B. Scope of Plan

1. County-wide law and justice agencies, including:

Phase I

- a. Sheriff, police departments, state and federal law enforcement agencies
- b. Correctional facilities (local, county, state, and federal) and alternatives to incarceration
- c. Court services, district and municipal

Phase II

- a. Courts, superior
 - b. Prosecutors (local, county, state, and federal)
 - c. Public Defenders
 - d. Communications
2. County-wide social/human service providers with links to law and justice system (i.e., mental health, domestic violence, youth counseling)
 3. County-wide educational agencies with links to the law and justice system.

II. Description of Existing Agencies and Planning Efforts

A. Agency (for each agency, by type, and by governmental level)

1. Mission
2. Scope of operations/population & area served
3. Organization (programs and staffing)
4. Budget (overall and by program)
5. Facilities
6. Summary of long-range plan

7. Description of existing programs with links to other regional agencies (law and justice, human and social service, educational, other)

III. Description of Historical and Current Planning Efforts

- A. Population Management Plan
- B. Regional Justice Center
- C. 800 Mhz

IV. Baseline Performance Levels

- A. Description of baseline programs/services/facility levels for various agencies (based on accreditation standards, accepted standards, etc.)
- B. Public expectations (citizen surveys, literature search)

V. Projections and Trends for Growth and Change

- A. Crime trends
- B. Population growth/shifts
- C. Program/service/facility changes/constraints (socio/demographic projections)
- D. System cost projections

VI. Description of System Strengths and Weaknesses

- A. Description of programs/services/facilities where performance levels are currently being met
- B. Description of programs/services/facilities where there are currently gaps in performance levels.

(Performance levels apply as appropriate to programs, services, facilities within any particular agency as well as the existence of coordinating links with other agencies.)

- C. Description of opportunities for system improvements
 1. Identification of opportunities for joint/regional development of needed programs/services/facilities
 2. Identification of areas of duplication of programs/services/facilities