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MOTION NO. **9514**

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2 A MOTION relating to the goals and
3 administrative procedures for allocating
4 funds under the Arts and Natural
5 Resources Initiative, adopted by
6 Ordinance 11578.

7 WHEREAS, the King County council adopted Ordinance 11578
8 on November 21, 1994 approving the 1995 budget, and

9 WHEREAS, the 1995 adopted budget included a \$10.5
10 million arts and natural resources initiative, and

11 WHEREAS, the initiative included six funding categories
12 for arts, cultural resources and natural resource programs,
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14 WHEREAS, the categories are suburban arts and heritage,
15 major arts organizations, small arts and heritage, science
16 and technology centers, farmland preservation, and working
17 forest program, and

18 WHEREAS, the King County Arts Commission and King County
19 Landmarks and Heritage Commission have discussed the arts and
20 heritage initiatives and have made recommendations on the
21 selection process for the suburban arts and heritage and
22 small arts and heritage programs, and

23 WHEREAS, the farmland preservation and working forest
24 program components of the initiative relate to the county's

1 1995 implementation of natural resource comprehensive plan
2 policies, and

3 WHEREAS, it is the council's intention that the arts and
4 natural resources initiative funds be distributed to
5 organizations, individuals, and agencies complying with the
6 goals and criteria set forth in this motion;

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

9 The arts and natural resources initiative funds shall be
10 distributed pursuant to the program goals and administrative
11 guidelines attached to this motion, and provided further that
12 the specific distribution of funds for each component of the
13 initiative shall be transmitted to the council for final
14 approval. The Council agrees to fund the proposed arts and
15 natural resources initiative with councilmanic bonds up to a
16 maximum of \$10.5 million and intends to reimburse
17 expenditures for the initiative from future bond proceeds.

18 PASSED by a vote of 11 to 0 this 27th day of
19 March, 19 95.

20 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
21 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

22 Kent Pullen
23 Chair

24 ATTEST:

25 Gerald A. Peterson
26 Clerk of the Council

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28 Attachment: Arts and Natural Resources Initiative Program
29 Goals and Administrative Guidelines

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3 Arts and Natural Resources Initiative Program Goals and
4 Administrative Guidelines
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8 **Suburban Arts and Heritage: \$1,500,000**
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10 Goal: The goal of this program is to enhance and expand arts and heritage opportunities in
11 suburban and unincorporated King County through the support of capital or fixed asset
12 projects which involve the construction, purchase, or rehabilitation of cultural facilities,
13 landmarks, public art, or other projects of lasting value. School-owned properties will be
14 eligible to apply if the facility has significant community use. Arts projects shall be capital
15 projects (including facilities, fixed assets, and public art); and heritage projects shall be
16 capital projects including landmark stabilization, heritage facilities, and fixed assets and
17 other projects of lasting value such as interpretive signage on historic corridors and
18 greenways.
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20 Administration: The Cultural Resources Division will develop and distribute detailed
21 program guidelines and application materials, consistent with the goals outlined above.
22 Applications will be sent to all suburban cities and to arts and heritage organizations
23 located in King County but outside of Seattle city limits, no later than April 15, 1995. The
24 King County Arts Commission and King County Landmarks and Heritage Commission
25 will review the applications and make recommendations to the King County Council for
26 final approval. The Cultural Resources Division may charge reasonable administrative
27 expenses from the fund balance, not to exceed 4% of the total funds allocated for suburban
28 arts and heritage funding under this initiative.
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31 **Major Arts Organizations: \$1,500,000**
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33 Goal: This program is to help fund large scale capital facility projects for major arts
34 organizations, defined as those arts organizations with annual operating budgets of
35 \$500,000 or more. Large scale capital facility projects are defined as capital projects with
36 budgets which exceed \$4 million and which include the construction, purchase or major
37 rehabilitation of cultural facilities. For purposes of this program, the organization must
38 actually break ground on the capital facilities project no later than December 31, 1995.
39 The maximum grant award per organization under this program may not exceed 20% of the
40 organization's total project budget.
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42 Administration: The Cultural Resources Division will prepare program guidelines
43 consistent with the above stated goals and will administer the major arts funds through the
44 1995 King County Cultural Facilities Program (hotel/motel revenue program) by extending
45 the program deadline from December 15, 1994 to mid February 1995 and preparing a
46 special press release and program announcements that highlight the Council arts initiative.
47 The Cultural Facilities Program art applications will be reviewed in March by a review
48 panel convened by the King County Arts Commission. The Arts Commission will then
49 review the panel's recommendations and will transmit the final recommendations to the
50 Council for approval. The administrative costs billed to this fund balance may not exceed
51 2% of the total funds allocated for major arts organizations under this initiative.
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54 **Small Arts and Heritage: \$500,000**
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56 Goal: This program is to support the capital and fixed asset projects of small arts and
57 heritage organizations located throughout King County, including new construction,
58 purchase of fixed assets, and rehabilitation of cultural facilities, including landmarks. For

1 purposes of this program, small arts organizations are defined as those organizations with
 2 annual operating budgets less than \$500,000 and small heritage organizations are defined
 3 as those organizations with annual operating budgets less than \$200,000.
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5 Administration: This program will be administered through the 1995 King County
 6 Cultural Facilities Program (hotel/motel revenue program) by extending the program
 7 deadline from December 15, 1994 to mid February 1995 and preparing a special press
 8 release and program announcements that highlight the Council's art and heritage initiative.
 9 The Cultural Facilities Program applications are reviewed by review panels convened by
 10 the King County Arts Commission and Landmarks and Heritage Commission and also by
 11 the Arts Commission and Landmarks Commissions and the recommendations are
 12 transmitted to the Council for final approval. The recommendations which are transmitted
 13 to Council will indicate which projects are recipients of the initiative funds, as opposed to
 14 receiving the hotel/motel funds. The administrative costs billed to this fund balance may
 15 not exceed 4% of the total funds allocated for small arts and heritage under this initiative.
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18 **Science and Technology Centers: \$1,000,000**

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 20 Goal: This program is to fund major regional science and technology centers, defined as
 21 those organizations with annual operating budgets which exceed \$500,000 and whose
 22 mission is to increase the public's awareness of science and technology through
 23 educational and interactive programs and exhibits. This program will fund major capital
 24 projects which acquire, construct, or renovate facilities or purchase fixed assets which will
 25 substantially enhance interactive educational programming for the region.
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27 Administration: The Cultural Resources Division will prepare program guidelines
 28 consistent with the above stated goals and will send applications to all major science and
 29 technology organizations no later than April 15, 1995. The King County Cultural
 30 Education Advisory Committee will convene a special review panel to review the
 31 applications and the Committee will make recommendations to the Council for final
 32 approval. The administrative costs billed to this fund balance may not exceed 2% of the
 33 total funds allocated for science and technology centers under this initiative.
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36 **Farmland Preservation: \$3,000,000**

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 38 Goal: This program is to ensure the long term stability of agricultural lands in King
 39 County through the permanent designation of farmlands and the creation of landowner
 40 incentive programs, including regulatory incentives, fee acquisitions, and the purchase of
 41 development rights on selected farmlands. This program will include the implementation
 42 of the recently adopted King County Comprehensive Plan policies relating to the
 43 preservation of agricultural lands, which is described in more detail under the working
 44 forest program section below.
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46 Administration: The newly created King County Agriculture Commission is directed to
 47 review the incentives options and to develop program criteria and guidelines for property
 48 owner participation in the various incentive programs such as determining eligibility and
 49 priorities for fee acquisition and the purchase of development rights. The proposed
 50 administrative costs for the acquisition and monitoring of the incentives program must be
 51 included in the recommendation package which is forwarded to the Council for approval.
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53 The portion of the farmland preservation program funds allocated to the development of
 54 the farm designation and incentive program is described below with the working forest
 55 program administration.

Working Forest Program: \$3,000,000

Goal: The goal of the working forest program is to preserve sustainable forest production lands and protect these lands against conversion to non-resource uses. This program, in conjunction with the farmlands preservation program, has several components. The first is to designate farmland and rural forest as Farmland and Rural Forest Production Districts based on an evaluation of established criteria such as existing zoning, tax status, open space, habitat, and resource protection. The parcels to be analyzed for designation under both the rural forestry and farm programs shall include rural forest districts, rural farm districts, A-60 zoning within Agriculture Production Districts, and agriculture zoning within urban boundaries. The farmland and rural forest designations must be consistent with the Countywide Planning Policies and Comprehensive Plan natural resource policies cited below.

The second component is to develop landowner incentives for those farm and forest parcels designated for Agriculture Production District and Rural Forest Protection Zones. This element will include staff research and educational outreach to landowners to assure that all interested parties will have the opportunity to learn about and participate in the designation, zoning and incentive programs. The incentive program must be consistent with the Countywide and Comprehensive Plan policies cited below which require the designations, zoning and incentive programs to be completed by December 31, 1995.

The final component is the creation of a King County forestry stakeholders group, comprised of representatives of small woodlot owners, timber companies, tribal nations, environmental organizations, and state and federal forest agencies, to work on program criteria and guidelines for the implementation of the incentives program for forest landowners such as the fee acquisition and purchase of development rights programs, technical assistance, and economic development programs. The forest stakeholders' process should parallel the Agriculture Commission's review and development of criteria for the implementation of the farmland incentives programs. Recommendations for the implementation of both the farm and forest incentives program, along with the proposed administrative costs for the acquisition and monitoring, shall be forwarded to the Council for approval.

Administration: The designation and incentives program for farmland and rural forestry land shall be jointly developed in 1995. The administrative costs for this component (including the educational component and staffing for the forest stakeholders group and for the agriculture commission's review of the designation and incentives program in 1995) shall be split evenly between the farmland preservation and working forest program funds and shall not exceed \$250,000. The additional administrative costs for acquiring and monitoring lands under both the farm and forestry incentives programs shall be billed to the respective program funds only after the Council has approved the incentives program and the administrative budgets for implementing those programs.

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2 **Relevant Policies:**
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4 The Countywide Planning policies and King County Comprehensive Plan policies relevant
5 to the farmland preservation program and the working forest program are as follows:
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7 **Countywide Planning Policies:**
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9 **LU-8:** Retention of resource-based uses and conservation of natural resource lands are
10 important to maintaining the traditional character, environmental functions and values of
11 the Rural Area. King County shall identify appropriate districts within the Rural Area
12 where farming and forestry are to be encouraged and expanded. These districts shall be
13 designated by December 31, 1995. Areas to be considered should include:

- 14 a. Large blocks of land, either identified by King County or proposed by the
15 property owners, with resource land characteristics or agriculture or forestry production
16 potential;
17 b. Land enrolled in the current use assessment program as farm and
18 agricultural land or timber land under RCW 84.34 or enrolled for tax purposes as timber
19 land under RCW 84.33;
20 c. Land in proximity to designated Agriculture and Forest Production
21 Districts, offering mutual buffering benefits and low potential for conflicts with adjacent
22 uses; and
23 d. Land with valuable environmental features such as wildlife habitat, ground
24 water recharge, salmonid streams, or high-value wetlands.
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26 **LU-9:** Permitted land uses within designated Rural area farming and forestry districts
27 should be limited to residences at very low densities and farming or forestry-related uses.
28 Institutional uses or public facilities should not be permitted except for the siting of utility
29 lines where no feasible alternative exists and the siting of K-12 public schools and K-12
30 public school facilities in conjunction with K-12 Public Schools. Development of adjacent
31 lands should be conditioned to minimize land use conflicts and conversion pressures upon
32 these districts.
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34 **King County Comprehensive Plan Policies:**
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36 **R-108:** King County shall identify, in partnership with citizens and property owners,
37 appropriate districts within the Rural Area where farming and forestry are to be encouraged
38 and expanded through incentives and additional zoning protection. These districts shall be
39 designated and zoned by December 31, 1995. All incentive programs created by the
40 county and related to zoning will be available to benefit landowners in the districts based
41 on the zoning of their properties as of the effective date of this Plan. Areas to be
42 considered should include lands meeting the criteria set forth in the Countywide Planning
43 Policies. Permitted uses in Rural Farm or Forest Districts should be limited to residences
44 at very low densities (one home per 20 acres for forest areas, one home per 10 acres for
45 farming areas), and farming or forestry. Institutional uses or public facilities should not be
46 permitted except as provided by Countywide Planning Policy LU-9.
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48 **R-203:** Residential density incentives should not be offered in the Rural Areas except in the
49 Rural Farm or Forest Districts to be designated under Policy R-108. King County should
50 permit transfers of density from the Rural Areas and from Rural Farm or Forest Districts to
51 Rural or Urban areas as provided under Policy R-217.
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53 **R-217:** King County will study the costs and benefits of adopting a mechanism that permits
54 a transfer of density from Rural Area property to properties in the Urban Growth Area, in
55 order to accomplish the purposes of the Countywide Planning Policies, and will propose
56 changes to the Zoning Code to implement this policy by December 31, 1995. These
57 zoning code changes shall include the following provisions for lands designated Rural
58 Farm or Forest Districts in accordance with Policy R-108:

- 1 a. Regardless of the zoning applied to establish a Rural Farm or Forest District,
 2 properties within its boundaries may transfer density credits to Urban Areas based
 3 on the zoning they had as of the effective date of this plan, if that zoning is
 4 consistent with this plan; and
 5 b. If an entire ownership is not being retained as farmland or forest land through a
 6 permanent open space designation, the development potential remaining after a
 7 density transfer may be actualized through a clustered subdivision or short
 8 subdivision resulting in a permanent open space tract as large or larger than the
 9 subdivision set aside for the resource uses. In the case of lands within a Rural
 10 Forest District, this tract shall be at least 20 acres in size.

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 12 **RL-101:** King County should promote forestry, agriculture, mining and other resource-
 13 based industries as a part of a diverse, regional and sustainable economy.

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 15 **RL-102:** King County shall conserve farm lands, forest lands and mineral resources for
 16 productive use through the use of Designated Agriculture and Forest Production Districts
 17 and Designated Mineral Resource Sites where the principal and preferred land uses will be
 18 commercial resource management activities.

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 20 **RL-106:** King County should expand access to preferential tax programs, including
 21 publicizing and marketing current use taxation programs to eligible landowners, to
 22 encourage landowners to continue practicing farming and forestry and to help ensure
 23 retention of the resource land base. The effectiveness of these programs should be
 24 monitored and programs modified as needed.

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 26 **RL-107:** King County shall employ a variety of innovative programs and incentives
 27 tailored to the specific needs of each resource-based industry, to help maintain and enhance
 28 resource-based industries.

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 30 **RL-207:** King County should evaluate additional ways to encourage small-scale forestry
 31 outside the Forest Production District and land/water stewardship through landowner
 32 incentive programs and community-based education. These should include:

- 33 a. promoting forest stewardship through educational and technical assistance, such
 34 as the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Incentive Program, the Department of
 35 Natural Resources and the King County Cooperative Extension Forest Stewardship
 36 Programs;
 37 b. providing technical assistance and information to landowner groups and
 38 community associations seeking to implement land/water stewardship, habitat
 39 restoration and management plans;
 40 c. creating opportunities and incentives for voluntary, cooperative management of
 41 woodlots and open space currently in separate ownerships;
 42 d. offering technical assistance and information to landowners who are interested
 43 in managing their forest for non-timber specialty forest products; and
 44 e. exploring opportunities for providing relief from special levies and assessments.

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 46 **RL-309:** Because of the variety of public benefits, King County should offer incentives to
 47 conserve farmlands outside of Agricultural Production Districts. When permanent
 48 conservation of a parcel of farmland is assured, adjacent land use proposals should be
 49 designed to minimize conflicts with agriculture.

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 51 **RL-310:** The remaining prime farmlands in the Urban Growth Area should be evaluated
 52 in 1995 for their potential value for food production. Those areas that could continue to
 53 perform small-scale agricultural activities, such as market gardens, small-scale livestock
 54 operations, community pea patches or as educational or research farms, shall be zoned for
 55 agriculture.