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MOTION NO. **9848**

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2 A MOTION approving the criteria and  
3 process for selection of projects for the  
4 Parks and Open Space Future Funding  
5 Initiative bond measure.  
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7 WHEREAS, King County has a successful history of  
8 providing park and recreation services to meet current needs  
9 and preserving critical resources for future generations, and

10 WHEREAS, past open space ballot measures such as Forward  
11 Thrust, Farmlands Preservation Program, and the 1989 Open  
12 Space Bond Program have successfully preserved thousands of  
13 acres of critical resource lands and has provided recreation  
14 and open space opportunities for citizens throughout King  
15 County, and

16 WHEREAS, Elected officials from King County, City of  
17 Seattle, and Suburban Cities, met in December 1994 with a  
18 panel of experts to discuss the recreation, open space, and  
19 critical resource needs throughout King County, and

20 WHEREAS, the elected officials requested that the King  
21 County Open Space Citizens Oversight Committee (COC) oversee  
22 the development of a regional bond measure for meeting the  
23 county's parks, open space, and critical resource needs, and

24 WHEREAS, these officials formed the Future Funding  
25 Initiative Steering Committee to provide policy direction to  
26 the COC and to the working groups as the proposed bond  
27 measure was developed with extensive input from citizens, and

1           WHEREAS, three working groups were established with  
2 representation from the citizen oversight committee, parks  
3 departments, community organizations, youth sports  
4 organizations, citizens-at-large, and other interested groups  
5 and individuals to focus on Finance, Open Space and Critical  
6 Resources, and Active Recreation, and

7           WHEREAS, the working groups and the COC developed  
8 formula and criteria for the allocation of funds from a  
9 proposed voter approved bond measure for the September, 1996  
10 ballot, and

11           WHEREAS, the Steering Committee recommends the  
12 allocation of funds from the bond measure as follows: 70% of  
13 the bond proceeds for local programs to meet jurisdiction's  
14 local needs for active recreation, neighborhood parks, and  
15 open space with approximately 10% of the local funds set  
16 aside for partnership projects, and 30% of the bond proceeds  
17 for critical resource projects, including waterways,  
18 agriculture, and forestry projects, with approximately 16% of  
19 the critical resource funds set aside for urban waterways  
20 projects, and

21           WHEREAS, the criteria for local programs and  
22 partnerships is broad and allows local jurisdictions maximum  
23 flexibility to select projects which best meet their needs,  
24 and

25           WHEREAS, the criteria for critical resource and urban  
26 waterway projects focuses on the purchase of development  
27 rights from farms threatened by development, the purchase of  
28 conservation easements along the last remaining highly  
29 productive salmon streams, and the purchase of critical open

1 space land and forests that connect regional greenways and  
2 wildlife systems, and

3 WHEREAS, in addition to the bond measure, the Steering  
4 Committee is analyzing park and open space maintenance and  
5 operation funding needs and various funding alternatives, and

6 WHEREAS, each jurisdiction in King County is conducting  
7 their own public process to prioritize local projects within  
8 their jurisdiction based on the proposed criteria recommended  
9 by the working groups and the COC, and

10 WHEREAS, King County is responsible for developing local  
11 projects for unincorporated King County and regional projects  
12 throughout King County, and

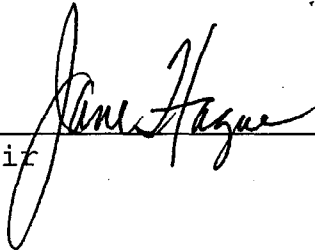
13 WHEREAS, the Metropolitan King County Council will make  
14 the final decision this summer on all projects included  
15 within the parks and open space future funding initiative, on  
16 the total amount of the bond measure, and whether to place  
17 this measure on the ballot for this fall;

18 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King  
19 County: The Metropolitan King County Council approves the  
20 criteria for project selection as presented by the COC and  
21 Steering Committee in the attached Parks and Open Space  
22 Future Funding Initiative Project Application Packet and the


1 executive is hereby requested to develop a list of regional  
2 and local King County projects consistent with this criteria.

3 PASSED by a vote of 9 to 3 this 29th day of  
4 April, 1996.

5 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
6 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Chair

9 ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council

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13 Attachments: Parks and Open Space Future Funding Initiative  
14 Project Application Packet

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