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Proposed No.:

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MOTION NO.

**9913**

A MOTION relating to district court planning under King  
County Code Chapter 4.04.200.

WHEREAS, Motion 9701, passed October 1995, expressed the council's support  
for the work of the district court on its Strategic and Operational Master Plan (August  
1995) and the Capital Improvement Program, Capital Expenditures for All District Court  
Facilities for 1996 to 2001 (July 1995), and

WHEREAS, recognizing that strategic goals dealing with the jurisdiction of the  
court constitute a worthwhile vision for the court and, therefore, should be further  
developed, Motion 9701 requested that the court complete its Operational Master Plan  
(OMP) as defined by the King County Code 4.04.200 by providing additional information  
on workload and needed resources, and

WHEREAS, the additional information has not been submitted to the council, and

WHEREAS, the council wishes to have the complete OMP and an amplified  
Capital Improvement Program (CIP) section on the Bellevue Division prior to making  
decisions on the Project Program Plan for the Issaquah Division;

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

A. The council requests that the court, in conjunction with the Office of Budget  
and Strategic Planning, complete the OMP with at least these specific outcomes: (1) For the  
next ten years, projected caseloads for the following factors: (a) types of cases reflecting a  
range of trends in filings; (b) geographic distribution of cases across a range of service areas  
(for example, for the existing service area which includes certain contract cities and for a  
service area of only those areas forecast to be unincorporated in ten years); and (c) changes  
in the above projections because of specific changes in the civil and/or criminal jurisdiction

1 criminal jurisdiction of the court. (2) Resources needed (personnel, operational, and  
2 facility) for each of the caseload scenarios resulting from the projections requested above.  
3 The factors utilized to convert caseload to resources needed should be explicitly identified.  
4 The impacts that changes in technology can make to reduce the overall need for resources  
5 should be considered. Changes in boundaries and distribution of cases should also be  
6 considered.

7 B. The council requests that the court, in conjunction with the Office of Budget  
8 and Strategic Planning, review and revise the Capital Improvement Plan submitted in 1995  
9 based on the completed OMP. The review should at a minimum include a range of  
10 operational configurations (e.g., number and location of courts, leasing versus owning  
11 court space, collocation with other county facilities) with a full analysis of the operation  
12 and financial impacts of each operational configuration. A schedule for this review should  
13 be submitted with the completed OMP. In the short term, the council requests that the  
14 court amplify the CIP for Bellevue division of district court to incorporate analysis of (1)  
15 recent information on the structural problems at Surrey Downs (including estimated costs  
16 of remodeling and temporary relocation), (2) collocation of the Bellevue and Issaquah  
17 Divisions, and (3) more recent information dealing with collocation with the Eastside  
18 Regional Justice Center.

19 C. The court, in concert with the executive, council, and other users of the  
20 courts, shall develop contingency plans that deal with significant changes in district court  
21 workload, such as cities forming their own municipal courts. These contingency plans  
22 shall be acknowledged when siting and designing new court facilities.

23 D. The council requests that a joint oversight committee of court, executive  
24 and council representatives be created to ensure the requests for additional information for  
25 the OMP and CIP are completed. The completed OMP and the work on the Bellevue  
26 division CIP should be submitted to the council no later than October 31, 1996, provided  
27 that the working group makes periodic progress reports to the council. Action on district  
28 court Project Program Plans, including that of the Issaquah Division, will be deferred until  
29 the OMP and the schedule for revising the CIP, and the Bellevue division CIP analysis are  
30 approved by the council.

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E. The council requests that the executive negotiate and execute with the current option holder an option agreement, on the site selected by the district court for the new court for the Issaquah Division of the district court, provided that there is no legal barrier to such an agreement and that the option holder produces evidence that the underlying agreement with the owner has required and will continue to require him to incur costs to hold the option on the property. The county's option agreement shall extend to the earlier to occur of (a) when a lease-to-own agreement is executed for the Issaquah court facility or (b) January 31, 1997 and the cost shall not exceed \$10,000 per month or actual costs to developer, whichever is less. The scope of the Issaquah division capital project is changed to include the cost of the option agreement and the appropriate capital project funds may be used to pay the costs of the option.

PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July,  
1996.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jane Hague  
Chair

ATTEST:

Gerald G. Peterson  
Clerk of the Council