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MOTION NO. **10478**

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A MOTION to identify principles and strategies to be
addressed in the Juvenile Justice Operational Master Planning
process.

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WHEREAS, the King County department of youth services is coordinating a
master planning process to define the future direction and strategies for the regional
juvenile justice system; and

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WHEREAS, this process will be multijurisdictional in scope, and will address all
agencies and interest groups, both at the local and the regional level, which provide services
to youth in the juvenile justice system; and

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WHEREAS, young people countywide receive services provided by juvenile justice
agencies; and

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WHEREAS, this regional plan is intended to influence the assumptions and
strategies that guide services to youth, the allocation of resources to support the strategies,
and the expected outcomes that result from interaction with the system;

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

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that the master planning process should emphasize the following:

- 1 • prevention and early intervention for delinquent and at-risk youth;
- 2 • empowering parents and families with the skills to divert youth from later problems;
- 3 • identification of ways to address the problem of disproportionality in the rates of
- 4 involvement in the juvenile justice system and, in particular, youth detention;
- 5 • the assurance that young people, entrusted to the custody of the Department of
- 6 Youth Services, come to no harm at the hands of other youth or adults;
- 7 • the accessibility of facilities and services, particularly court-related services, to those
- 8 being served;
- 9 • delivering services in a culturally, linguistically and age-appropriate manner;
- 10 • include a thorough analysis of the anticipated needs for additional geographically
- 11 appropriate youth detention capacity;
- 12 • the encouragement of support networks for youth, which fully involve youth with
- 13 families and other adults in the life of the community in a meaningful way;
- 14 • the design of new programs and services delinquent and at-risk youth that maximize
- 15 research-proven experiences and are linked to specific outcomes; consideration of resource
- 16 support for any such new programs and services should incorporate a critical review of
- 17 budgets for current programs and services, though assignment of additional resources is not
- 18 precluded;
- 19 • a process for administering justice which leads to swift and fair consequences for
- 20 youthful offenders, which restores a sense of safety and trust for victims and communities,
- 21 and which contributes to reducing delinquent behavior;
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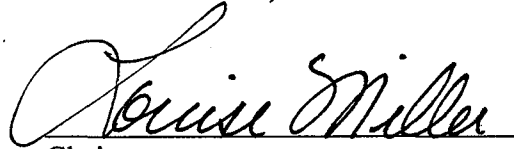
• collaboration, cooperation and coordination among the various agencies and interests within the youth services community so that the plan facilitates the convergence of other juvenile justice related initiatives into a common strategy resulting in a coordinated continuum of services to serve the needs of families, communities, victims and youth;

- support and respect for parental responsibility and authority.

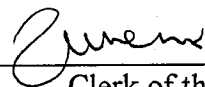
These concepts and concerns are commended to the department of youth services to be addressed as part of the operational master planning process referred to above.

PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 this 15th day of June,
1998

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chair

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None