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MOTION NO. **10479**

A MOTION commending the Bellevue Art Museum and
expressing the Council's support for BAM 2000.

WHEREAS, the Bellevue Art Museum was founded in 1975 "to promote the art
and artists of the region, to build the Eastside's strength as a cultural and arts educational
center, and to involve the community in lively and engaging ways", and

WHEREAS, the Bellevue Art Museum's roots go back fifty-one years to the
beginning of the Pacific Northwest Arts and Crafts Association annual summer arts festival
in Bellevue, and

WHEREAS, over 55,000 people, including 10,000 children, visited the Bellevue
Art Museum in 1997, and

WHEREAS, the Bellevue Art Museum has developed a nationally recognized focus
on children and teaching children about the world of art, and

WHEREAS, the Bellevue Art Museum's children's programs will reach over
30,000 students in 1998 through programs at both the museum and in school classrooms
around King County, and

1 WHEREAS, the Bellevue Art Museum has for the last several years operated a teen
2 docent program which recruits teenagers from Bellevue's Youth Link to serve as museum
3 docents leading tours for adults and children of the museum's exhibitions, and

4 WHEREAS, the Bellevue Art Museum has undertaken a campaign called BAM
5 2000 to construct a new, larger facility of regional importance in the heart of downtown
6 Bellevue, and

7 WHEREAS, the Bellevue Art Museum's new 40,000 square foot facility, scheduled
8 to open in 2000, will have four galleries and will increase its ability to display a wide
9 variety of visiting and permanent collections, and

10 WHEREAS, BAM 2000 is working to raise over \$20 million for the new museum,
11 and has already raised over \$11 million, including a \$3 million contribution from the City
12 of Bellevue, a \$1 million contribution from the Kreielsheimer Foundation and other major
13 contributions from the Boeing Company and members of the museum's board of trustees;

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

The county recognizes that the Bellevue Art Museum is a major arts and cultural resource for all of the adults and children of King County. The council commends the Bellevue Art Museum for 23 years of outstanding work to make art more accessible and available to the children and adults of the Eastside and King County. The council further expresses its support for the Bellevue Art Museum and its work to fulfill its dream for a new facility which will truly assist the people of King County in seeing, exploring and making art.

PASSED by a vote of 12 to 0 this 15th day of June,
1996.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Louise Miller
Chair

ATTEST:

Zimmer
Clerk of the Council