



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

December 12, 2000

Motion 11099

Proposed No. 2000-0646.1

Sponsors Pelz

A MOTION establishing the FY 2002 federal legislative agenda for King County.

WHEREAS, the joint King County Legislative Steering committee has the responsibility to recommend a state and federal lobbying agenda to the Committee of the Whole and then to the full council, and to coordinate the county's federal and state legislative activities in order to carry out that agenda, and

WHEREAS, the metropolitan King County council and the King County executive have worked through the joint King County Legislative Steering Committee to develop a federal legislative agenda and desire to bring their positions on issues facing the first session of the 107th Congress to the attention of the United States Congress, and

WHEREAS, King County desires to work cooperatively with other local governments and other organizations such as the National Association of Counties, the American Public Transit Association, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, the American Public Works Association, the National Association of County Engineers, the Association of Washington Cities, the Washington Transit Association, Regional Transit Authority, Washington Association of County

Officials and the Washington State Association of Counties to achieve its FY 2002 federal legislative goals, and

WHEREAS, counties have been recognized by Congress as partners with the federal government in the delivery of such critical services as transportation, criminal justice, public health, community and human services and water resources, and

WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive will continue to review legislative developments for possible revisions of King County's FY 2002 federal legislative program;

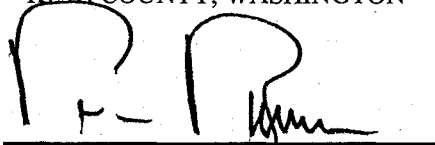
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

The specific objectives set forth in the attachment to this motion are King County's highest priorities for passage during the first session of the 107th United States Congress.

Motion 11099 was introduced on 12/4/00 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/11/00, by the following vote:

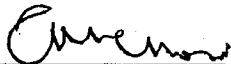
Yes: 10 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Miller, Ms. Fimia, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Nickels, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Vance and Mr. Irons
No: 0
Excused: 3 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Sullivan and Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments A. King County, Washington 2001 (FY 2002) Federal Agenda and Action Plan
Priorities



**KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON
2001 (FY 2002) FEDERAL AGENDA
AND ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES**

	ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1	Salmon Recovery Denny Miller and Associates Joe Raeder (The Ferguson Group)	Diversify sources of federal funding by seeking funds through Commerce and Interior Department budgets and the Corps of Engineers. Support opportunities for EPA funds to assist local estuary and watershed protection activities.
2	Endangered Species Act Denny Miller and Associates	Complete the Tri-County proposal for Puget Sound Chinook habitat and ensure its inclusion in the 4(d) rule proposed by NMFS. Continue working with USFWS in response to the bull trout listing and the development of their 4(d) rule.
3	Digital Orthophotography Denny Miller and Associates	King County supports funding of \$5 million for the creation of a countywide digital orthophotography program to provide detail mapping of the county to assist in salmon recovery and other growth management programs.
4	Lands Legacy Val Gelnovatch	Diversify sources of federal funding by seeking funds through Commerce & Interior and Agriculture, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and any forestry to leverage local, state and federal funds to ensure long term permanent forestry as well preservation of critical open space and habitat lands. The following programs and earmarks King County supports for its Lands Legacy initiative are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forestry Bonds - Support passage and enactment of forestry bond legislation, such as H.R. 4301 introduced in 1998. • Stewardship Incentive Program and Forestry Incentive Program – Support increased funding of the Stewardship Incentive Program (SIP) and the Forestry Incentive Program (FIP). These cost share programs that are funded through USDA and passed through states to landowners for forest management and stewardship activities on their land. • Tollgate Farm and Rock Creek Vision - Secure \$4 million from Commerce and Interior Appropriations for land acquisition and preservation.
5	Transportation Leslie Mozingo	King County is requesting Transportation Appropriations for: \$2 million in ITS for transit technology; \$17 million in bus and bus facilities
6	State-wide Congestion Relief Leslie Mozingo	King County supports federal funding for major statewide congestion relief of congested corridors. Major Regional projects include: I-405; 520; 509 and I-90.

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School Safety Act	Support legislation that would release the 20% cap on federal Safe and Drug Free Schools funds to 100% discretion to allow schools more flexibility over spending those funds for School Resource officers.
Pipeline Safety Bill	Support legislation for pipeline reform and accountability to ensure safety and trust within our state.
Emergency Response	Support grants funds to develop and implement pre-incident planning to provide preparation for school violence, domestic terrorism, civil disturbance, workplace violence and other issues where interagency coordination, cooperation and execution are critical to public safety.
Preemption – Internet Taxation	Advocate for a strong local government voice in the federal internet taxation dialogue. As internet sales gain an increasing share of the market, counties lose sales tax revenues because the sale cannot be taxed.
Tax credits	Support increases in the private activity bond cap and low income housing tax credit program in the budget and tax bills.
Housing	Advocate for increases or at least maintain HUD appropriations for Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs, homeless assistance (McKinney programs), and public housing operating subsidies, rental certificates/vouchers, and Section 8 contract renewals.
Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)	Federal support for state and local agencies to develop TMDLs. Specifically, funding to support the efforts of King County to determine TMDLs on rivers and streams that are important to area salmon populations. Also, work with EPA to obtain agreement on models and plans for determining TMDL's on rivers and streams within King County.
TMDL Rules	Support for funding at a federal level for guidance and full TMDL implementation of the new TMDL rules in October 2001.
Civil Rights	Oppose efforts to weaken Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act that would allow local governments to effectively prohibit group homes but support provisions that allow cities and counties to encourage dispersal of such facilities in neighborhoods throughout the city and the county in a fair and equitable manner.
State Enhancement Program (SEP)	Support federal participation in the establishment of as SEP for the State of Washington, which will enable the State to overcome the barriers to greater participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the nation's largest conservation program administered by the federal government. In addition, establishment of a SEP will allow the State to tailor the CRP so that it will more effectively address the State's unique conservation challenges, particularly as they relate to salmon habitat protection and restoration.
Superfund	Support adoption of an amendment to Superfund that would exempt Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW's) from liability.
Payment-in-lieu-of-Taxes (PILT)	Advocate for full funding of PILT.

LEGISLATIVE INTERESTS

The federal contract lobbyist will monitor federal legislation and regulations continuously and report to King County the status of these activities. The federal lobbyist will provide a monthly status update at the beginning of the month on the agenda and grant applications. The federal lobbyist also notifies the county when participation in the process is beneficial to the county. The federal lobbyist will also coordinate efforts on these issues with national associations. King County has expressed a particular interest in the following issues:

- Affirmative Action
- Clean Water Act
- Housing/Funding for First Time Buyers
- Workforce Training
- Mental Health Block Grant
- Property Rights and "Takings" legislation
- EPA's Sustainable Development Challenge Grant Program
- Welfare to Work funding efforts
- Child Care
- Education
- Individuals w/Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Medicaid funding
- Pediatric Cancer Research funding
- Telecommunications
- Federal Highway Administration's Grant Program (Section 1221 of TEA 21)

GRANTS

The federal lobbyist will conduct a grants workshop with King County departments to further help the county improve its grant application process. In addition to this educational process, the federal lobbyist will continue researching federal grant opportunities for King County on a regular basis. Prospects will be searched for in the Federal Register, on the Internet and in various grant publications. As grant opportunities are identified and reviewed they will be distributed to the county electronically when possible, or by overnight courier.

When the county is interested in applying for a grant it will notify the federal lobbyist so that specific grant information, such as guidelines, application materials and a previously successful application (if applicable) may be forwarded. The federal lobbyist will make subsequent phone calls and meetings to discuss the grant with the appropriate federal agency. The county will be given information gathered from these activities.

After the county has applied for the grant, the federal lobbyist will work with the county, congressional delegation, and agencies to garner support for the application. Active participation in the process will continue to determine the approximate time of grant announcement and the status of the county's application, as well as to ensure the county's application receives the best possible consideration. If the county's application is successful, the federal lobbyist will work with the federal agency to expedite allocation of the grant award. If the county's application is unsuccessful, the federal lobbyist will follow-up with the federal agency's grant reviewers to determine the strengths and weaknesses of the application and then work with the county to prepare for the next funding opportunity.