



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

February 4, 2003

Motion 11640

Proposed No. 2003-0039.2

Sponsors Pelz, Phillips, Edmonds, Sullivan
and Gossett

1 A MOTION declaring the council's support for legislation
2 that would modify existing state law to allow King County
3 the authority to refer a local option sales tax of one-tenth of
4 one percent to a vote of the people to fund health and
5 human services that have historically been funded and
6 provided at the local level.

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9 WHEREAS, King County is working to manage a current expense (CX) general
10 fund deficit of approximately \$140 million over four years, including a deficit of
11 approximately \$50 million in 2004-2005, and

12 WHEREAS, although King County continues to increase internal efficiency and
13 reorganize its functions in order to reduce its spending significantly, the county can no
14 longer afford to deliver many services to its residents, and

15 WHEREAS, King County is dependent on a strong fiscal partnership with the
16 state, despite projected state revenue declines. If King County is going to be able to

17 continue delivering basic government services to our residents, King County needs a
18 preservation – if not an expansion – of state support, and

19 WHEREAS, if the state is not able to expand support to adequately fund the
20 mandates upon local government, revenue tools should be provided to local governments
21 to allow funding for services historically provided by local governments, and

22 WHEREAS, King County has historically funded and provided a variety of local
23 health and human services throughout the county, including services in both incorporated
24 and unincorporated areas, and

25 WHEREAS, King County government is without the revenue tools to support
26 health and human services that have historically been provided at the local level in King
27 County.

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

29 The council supports legislation that would modify existing state law to allow
30 King County the authority to refer a local option sales tax of one-tenth of one percent to a

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31 vote of the people to fund health and human services that have historically been provided
32 at the local level or transit. Priorities for regional funding would be presented to voters
33 after public hearings and consultation with city officials.

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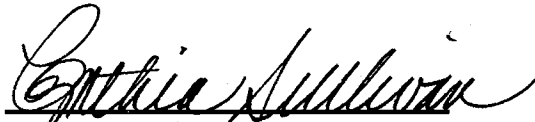
Motion 11640 was introduced on 2/3/2003 and passed as amended by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/3/2003, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Gossett and Ms. Patterson


No: 6 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Pullen, Ms. Hague and Mr. Irons

Excused: 0

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None