



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

September 22, 2003

Motion 11809

Proposed No. 2003-0373.1

Sponsors Sullivan, Hague, Lambert and
Irons

1 A MOTION forming the Snoqualmie valley land use
2 advisory group.

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 WHEREAS, the creation and maintenance of a strong and vital rural-based
6 economy is a key element of the state Growth Management Act for planning at the
7 county level, and

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 WHEREAS, this element has and will continue to be a high priority of the
9 council, and

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 WHEREAS, King County's present comprehensive plan policies and the uses
11 permitted by the development regulations that implement those policies are not
12 accommodating toward establishing and supporting the type of rural-based economy
13 envisioned by the state Growth Management Act, and

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 WHEREAS, the lack of policy and regulatory support is a uniform threat to the
15 vitality of the economy on every rural area, with a resultant negative impact on the
16 county's rural land values and tax base, and

17 WHEREAS, the solutions to mediate against this threat to a vital rural economy
18 must recognize that there are a number of unique rural geographic areas within King
19 County with widely different characteristics and must be tailored to address the specific
20 circumstances and needs of each, and

21 WHEREAS, the Snoqualmie valley Rural Area is unique in its combination of
22 intensive agriculture and historical large scale commercial uses such as the Carnation
23 Farm research station or industrial uses such as the Snoqualmie Weyerhaeuser mill, and

24 WHEREAS, these jobs have historically been a primary employment base for
25 many residents of the Snoqualmie valley, and

26 WHEREAS, the loss of jobs, especially those not related to agriculture, within the
27 Snoqualmie valley Rural Area will have a dramatic effect on the character of the
28 Snoqualmie valley as traffic levels either increase as more current residents are required
29 to commute to jobs in the urban areas or as current residents are displaced by new
30 residents that may not be as accepting of the needs of rural industries and farms;

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

32 A. The Snoqualmie valley land use advisory group is hereby created to evaluate
33 current comprehensive plan policies and development regulations, such as permitted uses,
34 and to make any recommendations in such plans and policies necessary to improve the
35 economic vitality of the Snoqualmie valley; and

36 B. The Snoqualmie valley land use advisory group will complete their evaluation
37 and forward any recommended changes for consideration as part of the 2004 update to
38 the King County Comprehensive Plan; and

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39 C. The Snoqualmie valley land use advisory group will be comprised of residents
40 and landowners representative of the variety of land use interests in the Snoqualmie
41 valley.

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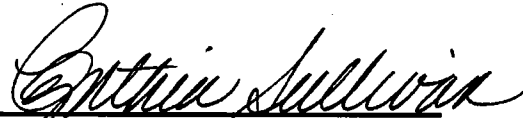
Motion 11809 was introduced on 8/18/2003 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 9/22/2003, by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Ms. Sullivan, Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Hammond, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague and Mr. Irons


No: 0

Excused: 1 - Ms. Patterson

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

Attachments None