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MOTION NO. 2164

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3 A MOTION declaring the intention of the King  
4 County Council to withdraw King County as a  
5 member of the Puget Sound Council of Governments.

6 WHEREAS, in February, 1957, King County joined with Kitsap, Pierce, and  
7 Snohomish counties in the formation of the Puget Sound Regional Planning  
8 Conference, now called Puget Sound Council of Governments (PSCG), and

9 WHEREAS, the original purpose of PSCG was to help its members address  
10 those critical planning and development problems that must be resolved  
11 collectively, and

12 WHEREAS, over time the Conference has lost sight of this original purpose  
13 and the PSCG has become a large scale organization designed to meet, at great  
14 expense to member governments, federal, not local, needs, and

15 WHEREAS, in October, 1974, in order to restore the original purpose of  
16 PSCG, King County proposed a reorganization that would establish County-wide  
17 committees as the principle building blocks for the four-county organization,  
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19 WHEREAS, although the PSCG has been reorganized along the lines proposed  
20 by King County, the functions of the agency remain unchanged, and two of the  
21 founding members of PSCG have withdrawn as members, believing the original  
22 purpose cannot be restored by restructuring the present organization, and

23 WHEREAS, in April, 1975, the Governor designated King, Kitsap, Pierce and  
24 Snohomish as an Areawide Planning District and PSCG as the District Clearinghouse  
25 for Federal grants, provided the agency is supported by a consensus of the  
26 concerned local governments, and

27 WHEREAS, with the withdrawal of Pierce and Snohomish counties, PSCG no  
28 longer qualifies as a District Clearinghouse, thereby threatening the loss of  
29 Federal funds vital to the maintenance of the cities and towns of the region,  
30 and

31 WHEREAS, immediate and decisive action is needed to reestablish an  
32 areawide planning organization to ensure the continuing receipt of Federal funds  
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1 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

2 In order to provide for the orderly establishment of a new areawide  
3 organization that meets the needs of the counties, cities, and towns of the  
4 Central Puget Sound Region, reestablish a qualified District Clearinghouse,  
5 and ensure the continuing receipt of Federal funds,

6 (a) King County withdraws as a member of the Puget Sound Council  
7 of Governments, effective December 31, 1975.

8 (b) The Governor is requested, while considering the designation of  
9 a new Areawide Planning District and District Clearinghouse, to temporarily  
10 designate the King County Subregional Committee as the District Clearinghouse  
11 for King County.

12 (c) The County Council invites the local governments of King County  
13 to join in the formation, by interlocal agreement, of a new areawide planning  
14 organization that will provide a forum for the serious discussion and  
15 coordination of interjurisdictional issues such as growth and development  
16 policy for the King County metropolitan area.

17 (d) Further, the County Council invites Kitsap, Pierce, and  
18 Snohomish counties as well as other Puget Sound counties, if they so desire,  
19 to join in the development of a proposal for a new multi-county organization.

20 (e) The County Executive is requested to provide funds in the 1976  
21 Operating Budget in an amount not to exceed the County's 1975 PSCG local share  
22 assessment to be utilized to support the areawide organizations proposed above  
23 when the relationship of such expenditure to services rendered has been  
24 demonstrated clearly.

25 PASSED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1975

26 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
27 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

28 Bill Reams  
29 Chairman

30 ATTEST:

31 Dorothy M. Owens  
32 Clerk of the Council