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Proposed No.: 92-596

ORDINANCE NO.

10531

AN ORDINANCE providing for the consolidation of the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle and King County pursuant to Chapter 36.56 RCW, and for the submission to the qualified voters of King County of a proposition ratifying said consolidation and establishing a date of election.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings and declaration of purpose. The council makes the following findings:

A. It is in the best interests of the citizens of King County for the functions of King County and the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle (METRO) to be consolidated.

B. This consolidation is being endorsed by a regional panel of elected representatives from King County, Seattle and the suburban cities as part of a broader plan to reorganize and improve the governance of both Metro and King County.

C. Implementation of this consolidation plan is also being recommended by the same regional panel of elected representatives as their preferred alternative to the remedy ordered in Cunningham et al v. METRO (No. C89-1587D).

SECTION 2. Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 36.56 RCW, and upon both: (i) the approval of this ordinance and its ratification by the qualified voters of King County, and (ii) voter approval of the proposed amendment of the county charter set forth in Ordinance No. 10530, King County shall on the date established in Section 5 of this ordinance assume all rights, powers, functions and obligations of the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle, the Metropolitan Council shall be abolished and the legislative and executive authority of King County as provided for in the King County Charter shall be

1 vested with all rights, powers, functions and obligations
2 otherwise vested by general state law in said Metropolitan
3 Council.

4 SECTION 3. Ninety days in advance of the date for the
5 assumption by King County of the rights, powers, functions and
6 obligations of METRO, the county council shall by ordinance
7 establish the metropolitan services department, which shall
8 provide those mass transit and water quality services
9 authorized in Chapter 35.58 RCW.

10 SECTION 4. Revenues and expenditures for metropolitan
11 municipal corporation purposes shall be preserved and accounted
12 for as first tier enterprise funds separate from other county
13 funds, and shall be specifically pledged to services authorized
14 by chapter 35.58 RCW, or as otherwise provided by state or
15 federal law.

16 SECTION 5. The effective date of the assumption by King
17 County of the rights, powers, functions and obligations of
18 METRO provided for in this ordinance shall be January 1, 1994;
19 provided, however, that planning activities necessary to
20 effectuate said assumption, including planning activities
21 carried out by King County alone, or by both King County and
22 METRO pursuant to duly negotiated interlocal agreements, and
23 the expenditure of county funds for such planning activities
24 prior to the effective date of assumption are hereby
25 authorized.

26 SECTION 6. Upon approval of this ordinance and its
27 ratification by the qualified voters of King County, in the
28 manner specified in Chapter 36.56 RCW, and upon voter approval
29 of the proposed amendment of the county charter set forth in
30 Ordinance No. 10530, this ordinance shall be construed to have
31 met the requirements of Chapter 36.56 RCW and shall be deemed
32 to have effectuated the assumption by King County of the
33 rights, powers, functions and obligations of METRO.

34 SECTION 7. It is hereby found that an urgent need exists
35 for the consideration by the electors of King County of the

1 proposition set forth in this ordinance. Pursuant to RCW
2 29.13.010, it is hereby deemed that an emergency exists
3 requiring the submission to the qualified voters of the county
4 at a special county election to be held therein on November 3,
5 1992, in conjunction with the statewide general election to be
6 held on that same date, of the proposition set forth in this
7 ordinance. Pursuant to Chapter 36.56 RCW, this ordinance shall
8 be referred to the qualified voters of King County at the
9 general election of November 3, 1992, and the manager of the
10 division of records and elections shall provide notice of this
11 proposed ordinance in accordance with the state constitution
12 and general law.

1 Notwithstanding any other provisions of the King County
2 Code, this proposed ordinance shall be submitted to the voters
3 of King County for ratification with the following ballot
4 title:

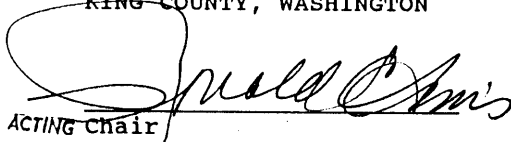
5 "Shall King County, effective January 1, 1994, assume
6 the rights, powers, functions and obligations of the
7 Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle (METRO) as
8 authorized by state law, with said assumption being
9 contingent upon voter approval of Proposed King County
10 Charter Amendment No. ___ providing for a thirteen
11 member metropolitan county council, regional committees
12 to review county-wide policy plans, and modified
13 referendum and initiative requirements, all as provided
14 in Ordinance No. 10531?"

15 SECTION 8. Severability. If any provision of this
16 ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is
17 held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application
18 of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not
19 affected.

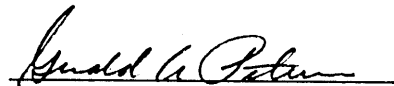
20 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 17th day
21 of August, 1992.

22 PASSED this 24th day of August, 1992.

23 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
24 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

25 
26 ACTING Chair

27 ATTEST:

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29 Clerk of the Council

30 APPROVED this 4th day of September, 1992.

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32 King County Executive

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