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MOTION NO. 4732

A MOTION requesting the Department of Rehabilitative Services and the Architecture Division to work with the Jefferson Terrace and First Hill Communities to mitigate the impact of view obstruction in the design of a new county jail.

WHEREAS, the County has authorized the County Executive to apply for state funds to construct a new jail, and

WHEREAS, the site recommended in the jail project final environmental impact statement is located across from the King County Administration Building between Fifth and Sixth Avenues, and

WHEREAS, according to the final environmental impact statement the proposed jail project will result in the blockage of some views from uphill properties including Jefferson Terrace and the Harborview Parking Garage Viewpoint, and

WHEREAS, the Harborview Parking Garage Viewpoint is a mini-park operated and maintained by the City of Seattle and the only public access viewpoint on First Hill of Elliot Bay, West Seattle, the Industrial District, and the Olympic Mountains, and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Terrace at Eighth and James is Seattle Housing Authority housing for the elderly, and the site for Jefferson Terrace was chosen in large part because of the beautiful view it affords of Elliot Bay, West Seattle, and the Olympic Mountains, and

WHEREAS, a large proportion of the residents of Jefferson Terrace are physically handicapped or other wise "house-bound" and depend upon this view for the greater part of their recreation and the maintenance of their mental health, and

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

The Department of Rehabilitative Services and the Architecture Division is respectfully requested to design and situate the planned King County Jail so that the view from the Harborview Parking Garage Viewpoint and the view from Jefferson

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Terrace of Elliot Bay, West Seattle, the Industrial District, and the Olympic Mountains is obstructed to the minimum extent possible, and

BE IT FURTHER MOVED, that the Department of Rehabilitative Services and Architecture Division is requested to examine every possible design and site alternative which would minimize this view obstruction and present their preliminary findings to the residents of First Hill and Jefferson Terrace for their recommendation in a meeting at Jefferson Terrace prior to any decision on the design and site of the facility.

PASSED this 11th day of February, 1980.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Bill Reams
Chairman

ATTEST:

Janet M. Owens
Deputy Clerk of the Council