

MOTION NO. 5477

1 A MOTION relating to the Municipality of
2 Metropolitan Seattle (METRO); and comment-
3 ing on the proposed METRO 1983 Water
4 Quality Budget and 1983 Transit Budget.

4 Whereas, the Metropolitan Council, which includes the
5 County Executive and County Councilmembers as representatives of
6 King County, is scheduled to adopt a 1983 Budget for METRO on
7 June 3, 1982; and

8 WHEREAS, the Executive Director of METRO has proposed a
9 1983 Budget of \$127.8 million in expenditures (including \$21.8
10 million for operations, \$71.4 million for capital expansion, and
11 \$34.6 million for debt service, financing cost and bond reserve)
12 and \$177.1 million in total revenues (including \$50.3 million of
13 operating revenue, \$70 million of new revenue bond issues, \$17.3
14 million of capital grants, and \$39.5 million balance forward from
15 1982); the excess of proposed revenues over proposed expenditures
16 (39 percent) results in a minimum 1983 ending balance of \$49.3
17 million; and

18 WHEREAS, according to the METRO financing plan METRO's sewer
19 charges are projected to increase from \$47.80 per single family
20 house in 1980 to \$165 per year in 1986 and METRO's bonded
21 indebtedness is projected to triple between 1982 and 1986,
22 increasing the METRO "mortgage" on future generations of rate-
23 payers from \$334 million (\$199 million remaining) for the original
24 system plus the Stage II expansion by an additional \$127 billion
25 for the State III expansion of \$531 million; and

26 WHEREAS, this ambitious program will require large and rapid
27 growth in METRO's budget and organization, from total water
28 quality spending in 1981 of \$32.9 million to a proposed \$127.8
29 million in 1983 - a near quadrupling in two years; and

30 WHEREAS, such rapid growth in any organization is likely
31 to cause inefficiencies and additional budget scrutiny will be
32 required by the Metropolitan Council.

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

