

MOTION NO. 6186

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2 A MOTION condemning racial apartheid
3 in South Africa and outlining certain
actions to be undertaken by King County.

4 WHEREAS, the Republic of South Africa policy of
5 racial apartheid is contrary to stated policies of King County
6 as represented by Section 840 of the King County Charter,
7 which prohibits the county from entering into any contract
8 with any organization which discriminates on the basis of race
9 or color, and

10 WHEREAS, many King County citizens, including the
11 hundreds who demonstrated in front of the South African govern-
12 ment's consulate are opposed to the racial discrimination
13 policy of the South African government, and

14 WHEREAS, several U.S. government representatives
15 have spoken against South Africa, including the President of
16 the United States, who has called for the end of apartheid in
17 South Africa, and United States cities have policies directed
18 at withdrawing public funds from institutions which do business
19 in South Africa;

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

22 A. The King County council condemns racial apartheid
23 in South Africa and requests all King County departments to
24 refrain from participating in informational or cultural
25 exchanges with any corresponding entity at any level of South
26 African government until racial apartheid is abolished in
27 South Africa.

28 B. The King County council calls on the people of
29 King County to refrain from purchasing Krugerrand gold which
30 is issued by the South African government, until racial
31 apartheid in South Africa is abolished.

32 C. The King County council petitions the Washington
33 State Congressional delegation to work for laws prohibiting

1 the United States government from engaging in cultural, informa-
 2 tional, economic, political, diplomatic, and technical exchange
 3 with the South African government at all levels until racial
 4 apartheid in South Africa is abolished.

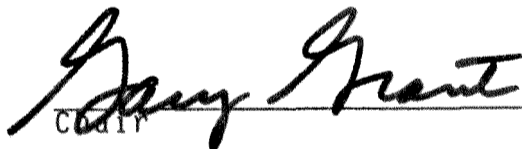
5 D. The King County council requests the King County
 6 executive to prepare a report detailing the extent to which
 7 King County funds are directly processed by financial insti-
 8 tutions which maintain a direct financial relationship with
 9 South Africa.

10 E. The King County council requests the King County
 11 executive to work cooperatively to draft investment policies
 12 prohibiting King County from engaging in direct financial
 13 relationships with commercial banks, thrift institutions and
 14 brokerage firms dealing directly with the government of South
 15 Africa.

16 F. The King County council additionally finds the
 17 presence of the honorary South African consulate in King County
 18 an embarrassment and a public nuisance and therefore calls on
 19 the South African consulate to close.

20 PASSED this 28th day of January, 1985.

21 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
 22 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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 24 Chair

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 26 ATTEST:

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 29 Clerk of the Council

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