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Introduced by: Bob Greive

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MOTION NO. 7004

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3 A MOTION invoking the powers granted the King  
4 County council under Article I, Section 220.20 of  
5 the King County charter to subpoena documents,  
6 evidence and witnesses on subjects related to an  
7 ordinance before the King County council to obtain  
8 information from Local 519 and its officers  
9 concerning fundraising, charitable solicitations,  
and political contribution practices and calling  
upon the King County auditor's office to conduct  
a review of such documents for purposes of  
providing information relevant to consideration  
of the ordinance.

10 WHEREAS, Local 519 represents approximately 33 percent of the  
11 county's general tax funded workforce, and

12 WHEREAS, Local 519 has repeatedly made demands for more  
13 budget privileges than other county employees, and

14 WHEREAS, the weakening of civilian political control over  
15 police activities undermines the practice of good labor relations  
16 and enlarges the potential for abuses of the police powers, and

17 WHEREAS, Local 519 has failed to disclose campaign  
18 contributions to candidates for King County elected office as  
19 required by law, and

20 WHEREAS, Local 519 has apparently employed deceptive tactics  
21 to raise funds for political purposes under the guise of  
22 solicitation for charitable purposes, and

23 WHEREAS, Local 519 has approached some councilmembers  
24 suggesting the firing of council staff who have questioned their  
25 budget demands or made recommendations to the council contrary to  
26 their liking, and

27 WHEREAS, Local 519 has offered campaign contributions to King  
28 County councilmember candidates in return for required full  
29 support of their budget demands, and

30 WHEREAS, the council has before it for consideration an  
31 ordinance which would regulate and require disclosure of such  
32 fundraising activities in King County consistent with the  
33 policies established under state law for public disclosure, and

1 WHEREAS, the King County charter empowers the King County  
2 council to evoke subpoena powers to obtain information from  
3 documents, records and witnesses concerning an ordinance before  
4 the council, and

5 WHEREAS, the public, the council and donors have a right to  
6 know how charitable and political funds were raised by Local 519,  
7 how such funds were used by Local 519 and the results of such use;

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

9 A. The subpoena powers granted the council are hereby invoked  
10 to gather all necessary evidence and testimony to consider an  
11 ordinance which would regulate the public disclosure practices  
12 and charitable solicitation practices of organizations;

13 B. The King County auditor is directed to obtain and conduct  
14 a review of the documents obtained from Local 519 in behalf of  
15 the council to provide information necessary to consider the  
16 ordinance.

17 PASSED this 26th day of October, 1987.

19 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
20 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

21 Gary Grant  
22 Chairman

23 ATTEST:

24 Dorothy M. Owens  
25 Clerk of the Council