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MOTION NO. 8505

1  
2 A MOTION recommending approval of the  
3 sale of the Seattle Mariners to the  
4 Baseball Club of Seattle.

5 WHEREAS, Major League Baseball in Seattle is enjoying  
6 unprecedented team success and fan support, yet faces an  
7 uncertain future, and

8 WHEREAS, the current ownership of the Seattle team is in  
9 financial crisis and has offered the team for sale, and

10 WHEREAS, a local partnership, known as the Baseball Club  
11 of Seattle, has stepped forward with an offer to buy the team,  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, this partnership possesses the financial  
14 resources necessary to sustain a competitive Major League  
15 Baseball team in Seattle, and

16 WHEREAS, the members of this partnership have pledged to  
17 take extraordinary steps to guarantee the team will stay in  
18 Seattle, and

19 WHEREAS, each and every one of the partners exemplifies  
20 the vision, industriousness and strength of character so long  
21 associated in the United States with traditional standards of  
22 commercial excellence and community success, and

23 WHEREAS, each and every one of the partners has made an  
24 outstanding contribution to the economic and social fabric of  
25 the Pacific Northwest, benefiting all citizens, and

26 WHEREAS, the partnership includes:

27 Hiroshi Yamauchi, the president of Nintendo Co. Ltd., one  
28 of the largest single employers in greater Seattle;

29 Minoru Arakawa, the president of Nintendo of America,  
30 Inc., a greater Seattle resident for 15 years;

31 Frank Shrontz, chairman of the Boeing Co., the largest  
32 single employer in the Seattle region;

33 Christopher Larson, a senior manager of Microsoft, one of  
34 the most successful Seattle-area businesses in history;

1 John W. Ellis, chairman of Puget Power, the largest  
2 private utility in Washington state;

3 John McCaw Jr., an executive vice-president of McCaw  
4 Cellular Communications, the largest cellular telephone company  
5 in the United States, and

6 WHEREAS, the success of this partnership will provide an  
7 elegant illustration of the mutual benefits of personal and  
8 international cooperation, and

9 WHEREAS, this partnership reflects the international  
10 nature of the commerce that has made the Pacific Northwest a  
11 center for world trade and tourism, and

12 WHEREAS, this partnership will retain for Seattle a civic,  
13 cultural and social activity recognized throughout the world as  
14 the American "national pastime;"

15 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:  
16 On behalf of King County government and the citizens of King  
17 County, the King County Council recommends that Major League  
18 Baseball approve the sale of the Seattle Mariners to the  
19 Baseball Club of Seattle.

20 BE IT FURTHER MOVED, copies of this motion shall be  
21 transmitted to U.S. Speaker of the House Tom Foley and all  
22 other members of the Washington State delegation to Congress.

23 PASSED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 1972

24 KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
25 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

26 Audrey L. Luyck  
27 Chair

28 ATTEST:

29 Gene Mason  
30 ~~Deputy~~ Clerk of the Council