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Introduced by: Phillips

Proposed No.: 92-264

MOTION NO.

8690

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2 A MOTION authorizing the King County
3 Executive to negotiate a lease with the
4 King County Library System to place a
5 library in Richmond Beach Center Park.

6 WHEREAS, the King County council previously has determined
7 that the development of a library in Richmond Beach Center Park
8 would provide enhanced recreational benefits by allowing users
9 to enjoy the benefits of both park and library services on the
10 same visit, and

11 WHEREAS, over 2000 residents of the Richmond Beach area
12 have expressed support for the development of the library in
13 the park, and

14 WHEREAS, the King County council, by Motion 7885, passed
15 on April 9, 1991, requested the King County executive to
16 negotiate an agreement with the King County Library System
17 (KCLS) allowing the development of a library in Richmond Beach
18 Center Park, and

19 WHEREAS, the King County council, by Motion 8332 passed on
20 July 8, 1991, authorized the King County executive to enter
21 into an interlocal agreement with KCLS for development of a
22 library in Richmond Beach Center Park, and

23 WHEREAS, King County and KCLS negotiated an agreement
24 which was reviewed and approved by the King County Prosecutor
25 resulting in the expenditure of public funds by KCLS for design
26 of a library in Richmond Beach Center Park, and

27 WHEREAS, subsequent to the approval of the interlocal
28 agreement with the KCLS, the King County prosecuting attorney
29 again reviewed the agreement and advised that the agreement
30 contained certain limited legal defects requiring legal
31 remedies, and

32 WHEREAS, the executive, upon the advice of the prosecuting
33 attorney, informed the KCLS that King County considered the
34 agreement void because of non-compliance with procedures to

1 surplus property and because the park had been purchased with
2 proceeds of Forward Thrust Bonds requiring that the park not be
3 used other than for parks and recreation purposes unless other
4 equivalent lands and facilities were received in exchange, and

5 WHEREAS, the KCLS is willing to provide land of equivalent
6 value in order to meet the conditions required by Forward
7 Thrust Bonds, and

8 WHEREAS, the Richmond Beach Community currently has over
9 127 acres of parkland, a ratio 10.4 acres per 1,000 people,
10 well above the 5 acres per 1,000 people service level
11 recommended by King County Parks in their 1987 Interim
12 Assessment of Park Needs, and

13 WHEREAS, the surplussing of .67 acre of the 4-acre
14 Richmond Beach Center Park for the 35-year lease term to
15 accommodate the library would not significantly impact current
16 park activities such as t-ball and other park uses, and

17 WHEREAS, the King County council and executive have
18 approved the location of other valuable public uses in parks
19 through interlocal agreements, including but not limited to
20 agreements with the Maple Valley Community Center, Maple Valley
21 Historical Society, Southwest King County Arboretum, the Lake
22 Washington Youth Soccer Association, and the KCLS for a library
23 in Ober Park on Vashon Island, and

24 WHEREAS, as a matter of policy, the King County council
25 has twice previously expressed strong support for the location
26 of a library in Richmond Beach Center Park consistent with its
27 historical and traditional site as a location for multiple
28 public use facilities;

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

30 The King County executive is hereby requested, in
31 cooperation with the Prosecuting Attorney, to negotiate a lease
32 with the King County Library System that would allow for the
33 construction of a library in Richmond Beach Center Park. The
34 council suggests the executive use the following elements when

1 negotiating the lease in order to satisfy legal issues that
2 where previously raised when negotiating the lease:

3 A. Declare as temporarily surplussed to the County's parks
4 needs that portion of the park property which is necessary to
5 construct the library, including but not limited to, parking
6 and other legal requirements.

7 B. Lease to the Library System the portion of the property
8 declared surplus.

9 C. Receive lands of equivalent value from KCLS in order to
10 satisfy the covenants of Forward Thrust Bonds.

11 In addition, the executive is requested to present to the
12 council, on or before July 15, 1992, a proposed lease, together
13 with proposed ordinances or motions which may be required, to
14 provide for development of a library on a portion of lands
15 presently occupied by Richmond Beach Center Park.

16 PASSED this 15th day of June, 1992.

17 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
18 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

19 Audrey Luger
20 Chair
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21 ATTEST:

22 Gerald A. Peterson
23 Clerk of the Council