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PROPOSED NO. 92-751

MOTION NO. 8818

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2 A MOTION adopting the 1993 Comprehensive Housing
3 Affordability Strategy and authorizing the King
4 County Executive to submit the Plan to the United
5 States Department of Housing and Urban Development
6 and to submit an application for 1993 Community
7 Development Block Grant entitlement funds.

8 WHEREAS, the 1990 National Affordable Housing Act as amended, estab-
9 lishes a program of financial assistance to local governments for the develop-
10 ment of viable urban communities through the provision of decent housing and a
11 suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities, primarily for
12 persons of low and moderate income, and

13 WHEREAS, the Act provides that the Comprehensive Housing Affordability
14 Strategy (CHAS) is the focus for mutual cooperation between local jurisdic-
15 tions and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
16 housing programs for carrying out locally determined housing strategies, and

17 WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant Consortium Joint Policy
18 Committee has reviewed and approved the Comprehensive Housing Affordability
19 Strategy, required by federal law to be submitted as part of the community de-
20 velopment block grant program, and

21 WHEREAS, King County has held public hearings to hear the views of citi-
22 zens on housing and community development needs, and

23 WHEREAS, the federal government through adoption and administration of
24 the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, will make \$4.0
25 billion of 1993 Community Development Block Grant funds available nationwide,
26 and

27 WHEREAS, King County as the lead agency in a consortium with twenty-six
28 cities and towns is entitled to approximately \$5,587,850, and

29 WHEREAS, the federal government through the regulations for the Commu-
30 nity Development Block Grant Program requires King County to submit an

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1 application for the funds to HUD, and these federal funds will be appropriated
2 by the King County council in the 1993 budget ordinance;

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

4 A. The Council of King County finds and determines that the Comprehen-
5 sive Housing Affordability Strategy, Attachment A, reflects current conditions
6 for housing assistance in King County, reflects the needs and priorities for
7 housing assistance in King County and supersedes the 1992 Comprehensive
8 Housing Affordability Strategy after adoption by the council and approval by
9 HUD.

10 B. The 1993 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (October 1992)
11 is adopted as part of the overall community development program.

12 C. The King County executive is hereby authorized to submit the 1993
13 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy and the application for 1993 Com-
14 munity Development Block Grant entitlement funds to HUD.

15 D. The King County executive is authorized to use this Comprehensive
16 Housing Affordability Strategy in reviewing and ranking projects proposed for
17 federal housing assistance under Section 213 of the Housing and Community De-
18 velopment Act of 1974, as amended.


19 E. It is the county's intention that federal housing agencies comply
20 with both the spirit and the letter of the goals and priorities stated in this
21 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy when making program allocations
22 and conducting other activities in the county.

23 PASSED this 26th day of October, 1992

24 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
25 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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27 Chair

28 ATTEST:

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30 Clerk of the Council

Community Relations

Community relations refer to the activities undertaken by the project sponsor to establish and maintain positive relationships with neighbors of the assisted housing units.

Policy: Project sponsors are encouraged to undertake activities to establish and maintain positive relationships with neighbors of assisted housing units.

Many experienced nonprofit housing developers have found that the long-term success of assisted housing projects is enhanced by establishing positive community relationships. This process typically includes: introducing the agency; describing the proposed project; providing information about the client population; inviting input from neighbors; and facilitating community meetings as needed.

Each Request For Proposal for funds governed by the CHAS will include a list of activities that may be undertaken to enhance community relations. Consortium member staff will offer guidance in designing a step-by-step community relations process. If requested, staff may also provide names of other agencies who have developed successful community relationships. Staff may attend community meetings at the request of the project sponsor.

Funding and siting decisions made by the fund source cannot be conditioned upon community response to a project. Confidential shelters for victims of domestic violence are exempt from this policy for the protection of the clients.