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Proposed No.: 93 - 37

MOTION NO. 8881

A MOTION establishing the 1993 State
Legislation Program for King County.

WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive want to bring their positions on issues facing the 1993 Washington State Legislature to the attention of Washington State Legislators, and

WHEREAS, King County wants to work cooperatively with other local governments and other organizations such as the Washington State Association of Counties, the Washington Association of County Officials, the Suburban Cities Association, and the Association of Washington Cities, and

WHEREAS, counties have been recognized by the legislature as partners with the state in the delivery of such critical services as criminal justice, health and human services, and

WHEREAS, in November, 1992 the voters of King County approved a substantial reorganization of King County government involving the assimilation of Metro and other measures intended to strengthen King County's role as a regional government, all to be effective January, 1994, and

WHEREAS, the King County council and the King County executive will continue to review legislative developments for possible revisions of King County's 1993 State Legislation Program;

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

The specific objectives set forth in this motion are King County's highest priorities for passage during the 1993 session of the Washington State Legislature.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUNDING

The Criminal Justice funding package which was authorized in 1990 expires on December 31, 1993. King County will seek to make permanent both the allocation of state MVET revenues to

1 counties and the local sales tax component of the criminal
2 justice funding package.

3 REGIONAL SERVICES FUNDING

4 Seek legislation which authorizes counties, at their
5 option, to impose taxes county-wide in order to help fund
6 services which are provided to all county residents such as
7 health, human services and criminal justice services.

8 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

9 PROVIDE A HEALTHY START FOR ALL CHILDREN. Seek a state
10 budget that maintains and enhances proven preventive programs
11 including WIC, public health outreach to families with
12 newborns, pre- and post-natal care for low income mothers and
13 infants and early childhood immunization.

14 EXPAND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR SERIOUSLY EMOTIONALLY
15 DISTURBED CHILDREN. Seek a state budget that provides the
16 additional funding necessary to meet state and federal
17 requirements under the Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and
18 Treatment Program for mental health assessment and treatment
19 for medicaid eligible children. King County is committed to
20 fulfilling its role in managing care for both children and
21 adults under mental health reform and is particularly concerned
22 about the need for more treatment for children, but cannot
23 jeopardize the ability to meet its responsibilities for adults
24 by having these new requirements applied without necessary
25 funding increases.

26 REAUTHORIZE CRIMINAL JUSTICE FUNDING FOR COORDINATED
27 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES. King County in partnership with
28 its cities has developed a comprehensive program of coordinated
29 legal and social services designed to effectively stop the
30 recurring cycle of abuse and its negative impact on the health
31 and welfare of children and families. King County and its
32 partners seek the authority to continue this program through
33 reauthorization of the criminal justice funding package.

34 SUPPORT EFFORTS TO INCREASE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN
35 CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT. King County encourages the

1 legislature to consider funding some of the Family Policy
2 Initiative proposals on a demonstration basis.

3 Seek state funding for public counsel costs now incurred
4 by the county in the course of child dependency cases brought
5 in court by DSHS.

6 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - LONG TERM AND REHABILITATIVE CARE

7 Build upon the progress of system reforms which stress
8 community-based, managed care for persons most in need, reduce
9 and stabilize the use of institutional care, increase the use
10 of generic community resources and improve overall results.

11 MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF MENTAL HEALTH REFORM. In order
12 to meet the 1993 - 1995 biennium requirements for managing use
13 of state hospital as well as local care, King County seeks a
14 budget that at least maintains current level support for the
15 adult mental health system including the community and
16 institutions, authorization to include Medicaid funding in the
17 Regional Support Network system, requirements that the
18 Developmental Disabilities and Alcohol/Substance Abuse systems
19 share responsibility with Mental Health for services to handle
20 the acute problems of persons with other types of disabling
21 conditions in both community and institutional settings and
22 increased funding to meet the new Children's EPSDT
23 requirements. King County opposes any reductions to the state
24 hospital and local inpatient budgets which are not offset by
25 related increases to the RSN's necessary to sustain lower
26 hospital use.

27 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. King County supports
28 proposed reforms which would transfer operational management of
29 all community services to counties or groups of counties and
30 remove most categorical restrictions in return for improvements
31 in service access and outcomes and increased use of generic
32 community resources. King County will not, however, take on
33 this increased responsibility unless state funding is
34 sufficient to enable King county to effectively manage these
35 programs.

1 ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE ABUSE. King County proposes a reform
2 of the alcohol/substance abuse system to provide a more
3 appropriate set of services than "revolving door"
4 detoxification for persons with chronic inebriation problems.
5 New services would be supported by a dedicated, local option
6 addition to the alcohol tax. Counties imposing the tax would
7 also be given greater flexibility in the use of existing
8 categorical state and federal funds to better meet the
9 community's most urgent treatment and prevention needs.

10 MAINTAIN AIDS OMNIBUS FUNDING. King County seeks a budget
11 that increases funding for the Regional AIDS Service Networks
12 in line with demand and that helps to fill the gap in
13 prevention/education created by federal reductions.

14 HEALTH CARE REFORM

15 King County supports reforms to achieve the goals of
16 universal access, cost containment and health promotion/disease
17 prevention. King County seeks coordinated development of
18 health care reform and related public health and long term care
19 reforms necessary to assure the benefits of prevention on the
20 one hand and adequate care for those persons most in need on
21 the other. King County supports reform of the governance of
22 the public health system with adequate funding.

23 HOUSING

24 CONTINUE STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING FOR SPECIAL NEEDS AND LOW
25 INCOME FAMILY HOUSING. King County seeks continued and
26 expanded support for the state Housing Trust Fund and a
27 dedicated local tax source for matching state and federal funds
28 for low income housing development. Continued housing
29 development is critical to the success of all of the efforts to
30 reform and strengthen health and human services programs.

31 Support legislation which brings Washington Fair Housing
32 Law into conformance with the Federal Fair Housing Act
33 Amendments of 1988.

34 JUVENILE JUSTICE

1 Monitor amendments to the juvenile justice act to insure
2 that any such amendments are accompanied by funds necessary for
3 implementation.

4 LAW ENFORCEMENT

5 Seek authority for uniformed police officers to use audio
6 recording in conjunction with authorized video recordings
7 during the course of police patrol activities.

8 GROWTH MANAGEMENT

9 Seek an extension to the current July 1, 1993 deadline for
10 adoption of comprehensive plans under the growth management
11 act, provided that the authority to continue the use of impact
12 fees under local authority is also continued to coincide with
13 new deadlines.

14 Oppose substantive amendments to the growth management act
15 which are intended to weaken the act such as curbs on
16 environmental protection and proposals to require compensation
17 for property owners as a result of regulatory actions required
18 by the act.

19 Seek to insure that growth management funds budgeted for
20 grants to local governments remain at least at current levels.

21 SOLID WASTE

22 Seek authority for counties to establish minimum service
23 levels for recycling at commercial establishments. Currently,
24 counties may set service levels for residential recycling
25 programs but not for recycling by commercial and business
26 establishments in the unincorporated area.

27 Oppose legislation which repeals the 1993 sunset on 1989
28 legislation which precluded local government authority to ban
29 any form of product packaging.

30 Seek legislation which authorizes an administrative and
31 quasi judicial appeal process for counties whose landfills have
32 been named as superfund sites by the Department of Ecology.

33 ADULT CORRECTIONS

34 Monitor legislation proposed by the state to expand
35 alternatives to incarceration for certain first time offenders

1 to insure that mandates are not imposed on counties which
2 result in increased jail population or treatment programs
3 managed and funded by counties.

4 TRANSPORTATION

5 Defend existing elements of the Rapid Transit Authority
6 (RTA) legislation and support efforts to seek supplemental
7 funding sources for the RTA.

8 Support efforts to enhance funding for multi-modal
9 transportation needs.

10 Seek legislation which authorizes exemptions to the \$15
11 vehicle registration fee for senior citizens and low-income
12 persons.

13 UNINCORPORATED AREA GOVERNANCE

14 Monitor and support, as determined by this council,
15 legislation which provides formal mechanisms for unincorporated
16 areas to communicate with and advise the county legislative
17 authority.

18 METRO GOVERNANCE

19 Seek amendments to Metro Governance legislation as
20 determined necessary by the Metro merger transition process.

21 GENERAL GOVERNMENT

22 Seek legislation authorizing counties to recover the costs
23 of collection incurred by collection agencies or attorneys from
24 debtors. Currently, only the courts are so authorized.

25 Seek legislation which authorizes libraries as a permitted
26 activity on county-owned park land.

27 Seek legislation which authorizes counties to negotiate
28 with adjacent property owners for the sale of tax title surplus
29 land parcels.

30 Seek legislation which authorizes surplus Road Improvement
31 District funds to accrue to the county road fund at the
32 discretion of the County Council. Currently, such funds must
33 accrue to the county current expense fund.

1 Support legislation which transfers the collection of the
2 local option boat tax to the Washington State Department of
3 Licensing.

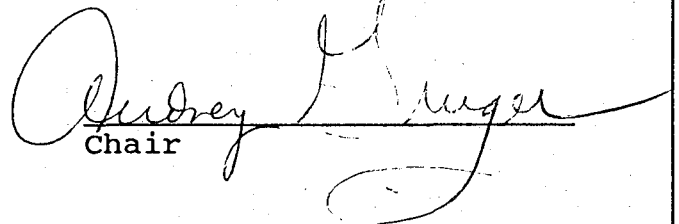
4 Seek legislation which authorizes county legislative
5 authorities to delegate responsibility for holding hearings on
6 assessment rolls for road improvement districts to the hearing
7 examiner.

8 Seek legislation which authorizes counties to continue to
9 impose that portion of surface water management fees within
10 newly annexed or incorporated areas, necessary to pay for
11 capital improvements in place at the time of annexation or
12 incorporation.


13 Monitor legislation concerning geographic information
14 systems and other information systems to assure that local
15 governments are able to recover costs and are not precluded
16 from offering specialized services to the public.

17 PASSED this 11th day of January, 1993.

18 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
19 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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21 Chair

22 ATTEST:

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24 **DEPUTY** Clerk of the Council

25 Attachments:
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