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Introduced by: GREG NICKELS
Proposed No.: 98-118

MOTION NO. 8910

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2 A MOTION requesting the Prosecuting
3 Attorney to file an action seeking a
4 declaratory judgement that Washington
5 Initiative 134, Section 24, does not pre-
6 empt or supersede King County Charter
7 Section 690.10.

8 WHEREAS, King County Charter section 690.10 requires that
9 the county council establish by ordinance mandatory limits on
10 campaign contributions and voluntary limits on campaign
11 expenditures with public matching funds for county charter
12 elected offices, and

13 WHEREAS, King County voters approved this amendment to the
14 King County Charter at the general election in November 1989,
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the Council has enacted Chapter 1.05 of the King
17 County Code providing limits on campaign contributions, and

18 WHEREAS, as stated in the preamble to King County Code
19 Chapter 1.05, it is in the public interest to encourage the
20 widest participation of the public in the electoral process, to
21 reduce the dependence of candidates on large contributions and
22 to increase public knowledge of the candidates and of election
23 issues, and

24 WHEREAS, the preamble further states that campaign
25 expenditure limitations are in the best interest of the public,
26 and

27 WHEREAS, the preamble further states that public matching
28 funds for campaign purposes are necessary for voluntary
29 expenditure limitations to be successful and voluntary programs
30 are the only limitations constitutionally permissible, the
31 council finds a program of public matching funds should be
32 established.

33 WHEREAS, Washington Initiative 134, Section 24, approved
34 by the voters at the November 3, 1992 general election, states
35 that public funds shall not be used to finance political

1 campaigns for state or local office effective December 3, 1992,
2 and

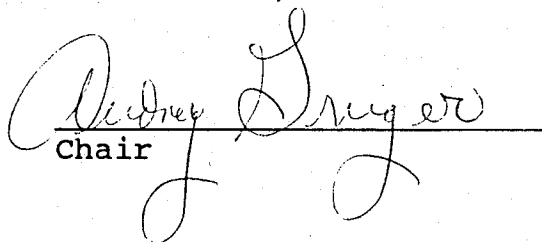
3 WHEREAS, as a home rule charter county under the
4 provisions of Article XI, Section 4 of the Washington state
5 constitution King County has the broadest possible powers of
6 local self-government, and the will of the voters of King
7 County mandating a voluntary campaign expenditure and public
8 matching funds program as expressed in the county charter
9 should be respected;

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

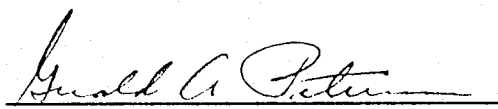
11 The Council requests that the Prosecuting Attorney file an
12 action, on or before March 1, 1993, seeking a declaratory
13 judgment that King County Charter Section 690.10 is a valid
14 local law which is not preempted, superseded or otherwise
15 limited or affected by the provisions of Initiative 134.

16 PASSED this 16th day of February, 1993.

17 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
18 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

19 
20 Chair

21 ATTEST:

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23 Clerk of the Council

24 Attachments: