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PROPOSED NO.: 93-295

MOTION NO. 8997

A MOTION relating to dispute resolution centers; designating the Seattle-King County Dispute Resolution Center as an authorized center in accordance with RCW Ch. 7.75.

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3 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Washington has found and declared
4 that the resolution of many disputes can be costly and complex in a judicial
5 setting where the parties involved are necessarily in an adversary posture and
6 subject to formalized procedures, and

7 WHEREAS, alternative dispute resolution centers can meet the needs of
8 Washington's citizens by providing forums in which persons may voluntarily
9 participate in the resolution of disputes in an informal and less adversarial
10 atmosphere, [RCW 7.75.010 (1)], and

11 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Washington intends that programs
12 be established to foster resolution of disputes, [RCW 7.75.010(2)], and

13 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Washington has authorized dispute
14 resolution centers being created by a corporation organized exclusively for the
15 resolution of disputes, which shall not be organized for profit, which shall have
16 no part of its net earnings inure to the benefits of any private shareholders or
17 individuals, and which shall not have as a majority of its board of directors
18 members of any single profession, and

19 WHEREAS, a dispute resolution center may not begin operation until a plan
20 for establishing a center for the mediation and settlement of disputes has been
21 approved by the legislative authority of the municipality or county within which
22 the center will be located, and

23 WHEREAS, such a plan shall adequately prescribe procedures to assure that
24 the legislative intent is carried out, [RCW 7.75.020], and

25 WHEREAS, a dispute resolution center shall provide dispute resolution
26 services either without charge to the participants or for a fee which is based on
27 the participants' ability to pay, [RCW 7.75.030], and

28 WHEREAS, the Seattle-King County Dispute Resolution Center is not a for-
29 profit corporation organized in accordance with the precepts of RCW 7.75 et. seq.
30 expressly for the purpose of providing dispute resolution services to the
31 citizens of the city of Seattle and King County and whose Board of Directors does
32 not consist of members, the majority of whom are in any single profession, and

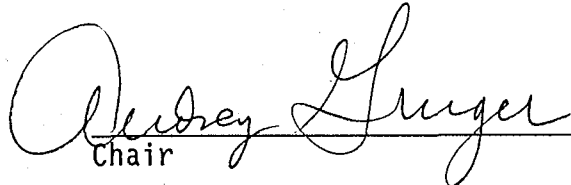
1 WHEREAS, the Seattle-King County Dispute Resolution Center has presented a
2 satisfactory plan of procedures to King County designed to effectively implement
3 all of the requirements of RCW 7.75 et. seq.;

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

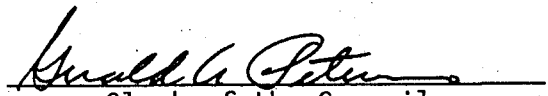
5 The Seattle-King County Dispute Resolution Center is authorized to operate
6 a dispute resolution center in compliance with RCW Ch. 7.75 et.seq. and in
7 accordance with procedures substantially similar to the procedures attached
8 hereto as Exhibit A.

9 PASSED this 17th day of May, 19 93.

10 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
11 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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14 Chair

15 ATTEST:

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17 Clerk of the Council

18 Attachments: Exhibit A: Compliance with Chapter 7.75 RCW by the Seattle
19 King County Dispute Resolution Center
20 Exhibit B: Chapter 7.75 RCW

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**COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 7.75 RCW BY THE
SEATTLE KING COUNTY DISPUTE RESOLUTION
CENTER**