

July 15, 1993

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Phillips, Sims,  
Introduced by: Sullivan

Proposed No.: 93-561

MOTION NO. 9075

A MOTION creating a King County Task  
Force on Responsible Gun Ownership.

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms and Tobacco  
estimates there are about 200 million guns in United States,  
and

WHEREAS, deaths and injuries from gunshots have become a  
public health crisis, according to scientific journals of the  
American Medical Association as well as Surgeon General Antonia  
Novello and her predecessor Dr. C. Everett Koop, and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Injury Prevention and  
Control reports that of the 105,000 Americans treated in  
emergency rooms for gunshot wounds at least 25,000 were under  
the age of 19, and

WHEREAS, researchers at the Harborview Injury Prevention  
and research Center found that half of all 11th grade males in  
Seattle High Schools claimed to have access to a pistol, and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Uniform Crime Reporting  
Project in 1991 recorded more than 30 handgun related crimes  
each day and found that nearly one-quarter of those arrested  
for illegal weapons possession were juveniles;

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

A. The King County Task Force on Responsible Gun  
Ownership is created to investigate the availability of  
firearms to juveniles; research the effectiveness of state  
laws regulating the sale and ownership of firearms, including  
issuance of concealed weapons permits and penalties for illegal  
sales, possession and use of firearms. In addition the Task  
Force shall develop recommendations that will foster a healthy  
respect for handguns, safe handgun usage and prevention of  
handgun injuries. The Task Force shall report back to the King  
County Council by December 31, 1993 with its findings and  
recommendations on any modification to current law enforcement

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3 practices, including administrative and statutory changes, and  
4 recommendations to foster responsible gun ownership.

5 B. The Chair of the King County Council shall appoint the  
6 members of the King County Task Force on Responsible Gun  
7 Ownership on or before July 31, 1993. Representatives from  
8 including but not limited to, the following agencies and  
9 organizations shall be requested to serve on the Task Force:

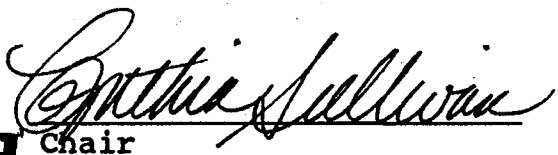
- 10 1. King County Department of Public Safety
- 11 2. King County Prosecuting Attorney
- 12 3. Regional Law, Safety, and Justice Committee
- 13 4. King County Department of Youth Services
- 14 5. King County Department of Human Services,  
15 Mental Health Division
- 16 6. Seattle Police Department
- 17 7. Suburban Cities Association
- 18 8. Washington State Patrol
- 19 9. Washington Department of Community Development,  
20 Stop Youth Violence Task Force
- 21 10. Washington State Law Enforcement and Records  
22 Association
- 23 11. United States Department of the Treasury,  
24 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
- 25 12. A private gun shop owner
- 26 13. A State legislator
- 27 14. A Seattle City Councilmember
- 28 15. An elected Councilmember from a suburban city
- 29 16. A member from each of the unions representing the  
30 personnel of the King County police
- 31 17. A member of the School Directors Association
- 32 18. A member from a community council
- 33 19. A member of the King County Council
- 34 20. A representative of Victims of Violent Crimes
- 35 21. An instructor on the safe use of firearms

36 PASSED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1993.

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KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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VIA Chair

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ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Council

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Attachments: None