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Introduced by: Phillips

Proposed No.: 93-576

MOTION NO. 9204

1  
2 A MOTION expressing the Council's intent  
3 to appoint a public housing consumer to  
4 the King County Housing Authority Board  
5 of Commissioners.

6 WHEREAS, according to RCW 35.82.070 a housing authority  
7 shall constitute a corporate public body, exercising public and  
8 essential governmental function, and having all the powers  
9 necessary to provide appropriate public housing, and

10 WHEREAS, originally, the King County Housing Authority was  
11 established by the county and charged to specifically remedy  
12 the shortage of safe and sanitary housing for senior citizens,  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, disabled non-elderly persons have been included  
15 in the federal definition of "elderly family" used for  
16 eligibility for elderly public housing since 1962, and

17 WHEREAS, the effects of the eligibility definition have  
18 been amplified in recent years by the Rehabilitation Act of  
19 1973 which included mental disabilities in the definition of  
20 handicapped, and

21 WHEREAS, the 1988 Fair Housing Amendments and subsequent  
22 court decisions provided additional protection against housing  
23 discrimination for the disabled, and

24 WHEREAS, the population profile of public housing  
25 consumers has continued to change and now includes persons who  
26 were formerly homeless, persons who are experiencing mental  
27 illness or are in recovery from alcohol and substance abuse,  
28 and

29 WHEREAS, according to the Center for the Advancement of  
30 State Community Care Programs, many housing authorities are  
31 especially concerned about the proportion of special needs  
32 populations residing in public housing, and indicate housing  
33 managers lack the resources to respond adequately to the  
34 needs of these residents, and

1           WHEREAS, possessing the best insight about their own  
2 experience and unique needs, public housing consumers represent  
3 a wealth of untapped potential to address housing authority  
4 management issues, and

5           WHEREAS, consumers of special needs services have become  
6 more sophisticated and want a greater say in the management of  
7 their affairs as do stakeholders of all kinds in our nation,  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, RCW 35.82.040 mandates that the governing body of  
10 the county shall appoint five persons to govern the corporate  
11 affairs of the housing authority, and

12           WHEREAS, at least one term of office on the housing  
13 authority expired in May, 1993;

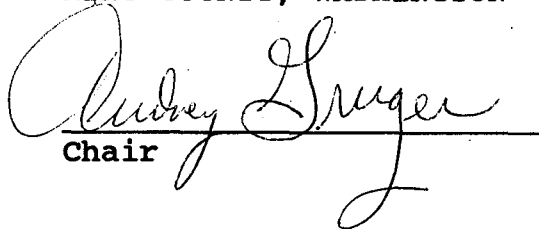
14           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the Council of King County:

15           A. The council finds that public housing authority  
16 consumers should have a meaningful role in the governance of  
17 the King County Housing Authority in order to better address  
18 issues that impact them directly.

19           B. The council intends to appoint a public housing  
20 authority consumer to the first available vacancy on the  
21 Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

22           PASSED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1993.

23           KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
24           KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

25             
26           Chair

27           ATTEST:

28             
29           Clerk of the Council

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