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A MOTION relating to the formation of a Duwamish Coalition for the purpose of creating quality jobs and enhancing economic development through a regional partnership focused on preserving and reclaiming scarce industrial land.

WHEREAS, economic development and job growth is one of King County's highest priorities, and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan King County council is holding a series of special hearings to provide an opportunity for business, labor and community leaders to testify on the obstacles to regional economic development and job growth, and to propose governmental actions to improve the overall economic climate and local job base, and

WHEREAS, the county council has heard testimony from large and small businesses, labor, and economic development organizations about immediate actions that should be taken to form private/public partnerships to focus attention on and solve the complex economic problems facing the region, and

WHEREAS, testimony has emphasized that the number of family wage jobs provided by the industrial sector must be increased to insure the continued economic viability of the region, and

WHEREAS, further testimony reported that industrial land in the county is scarce, and the industrial land in the Duwamish corridor presents an excellent opportunity to increase the number of family wage jobs and, therefore, merits special attention, and

WHEREAS, the Duwamish corridor is served by an extensive transportation network including roads, rail, a deepwater seaport, and the King County International Airport, presenting

1 an excellent opportunity to utilize the public investment
2 intranportation infrastructure to further economic
3 development, and

4 WHEREAS, the Duwamish corridor, extending southward from
5 Puget Sound, is viewed as the industrial heartland of many
6 jurisdictions, including the Port of Seattle and the cities of
7 Seattle, Tukwila and Renton and, thus, a cooperative effort is
8 required to achieve corridor goals, and

9 WHEREAS, the council in its role as a regional
10 government can serve as a catalyst to create partnerships to
11 focus attention on economic development and job growth in
12 industrial areas, particularly in the Duwamish corridor,

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

14 1. The council endorses the goals of preserving
15 industrial land for industrial uses and reclaiming contaminated
16 industrial land for the benefit of economic development and the
17 environment. The council recommends the use of the Port of
18 Seattle's Southwest Harbor Project Draft Environmental Impact
19 Statement, the case study conducted by the Fiscal
20 Analysis/Economic Development Task Force of the Growth
21 Management Planning Council for the Duwamish corridor, and the
22 King County International Airport Economic Development
23 Feasibility Study as resources for describing the problems and
24 opportunities to achieve these goals.

25 2. The council further endorses the recommendation to
26 support the formation of a coalition to address these goals in
27 the Duwamish corridor.

28 3. The King County executive is requested to join with
29 the council to invite parties with direct interest in the
30 Duwamish corridor to be members of a Duwamish Coalition and to
31 hold the first meeting no later than April 15, 1994. The
32 parties shall include but not be limited to federal agencies,
33 state agencies, the Port of Seattle, King County agencies, the
34 city of Seattle, the city of Tukwila, the city of Renton, the
35 Muckleshoot Nation, representatives of large and small

1 businesses located in the corridor, labor representatives and
2 representatives of the environmental community.

3 4. The council requests that the coalition recommend how
4 King County can be an effective and helpful partner in its work
5 in the Duwamish corridor.

6 PASSED this 14th day of February, 1994.

7 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
8 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

9 Kent Pullen
10 Chair

11 ATTEST:
12 Gerald A. Peterson
13 Clerk of the Council

Passed by a vote of 11 to 0.