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Introduced By:

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Proposed No.:

**95-175**

MOTION NO. **9513**

A MOTION concerning incentives to encourage base economic activities in manufacturing/industrial centers.

WHEREAS, base economic activities are defined as those which add to the fundamental prosperity of a region through the production of services or goods sold outside the region, and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Planning Policies adopted by the King County Growth Management Planning Council, and the King County Comprehensive Plan adopted by the Metropolitan King County Council, both recognize that base economic activities are critical to the economic well-being of all people throughout King County, and

WHEREAS, many base economic activities are located in manufacturing/industrial centers, and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Planning Policies designate that manufacturing/industrial centers should be supported in Kent, North Tukwila, Duwamish and Ballard/Interbay in Seattle, and

WHEREAS, the Countywide Planning Policies call for these centers to be encouraged through public incentives including regulatory reforms and the development of countywide financing strategies to fund public facilities and services, and

WHEREAS, the King County Comprehensive Plan requires King County government to develop incentives to support and attract the growth patterns called for by the county comprehensive plan and the Countywide Planning Policies, and

WHEREAS, the King County Comprehensive Plan requires King County to develop policies and programs with a special emphasis upon retaining and expanding the number of family-wage jobs in base industries, and

WHEREAS, implementation of these policies could be facilitated through collaborative efforts by King County government, the city governments of Kent, Tukwila, and Seattle, by the Port of Seattle, by businesses engaged in base economic activities; by labor organizations, and by other agencies and individuals with special expertise regarding incentives to support base economic activities;

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

1. The Metropolitan King County Council invites the King County Executive, the Port of Seattle and the cities of Tukwila, Kent and Seattle to join the council in examining incentives that can or should be offered to retain and attract base economic activities throughout King County, with an emphasis upon incentives to support the manufacturing/industrial centers designated in the Countywide Planning Policies.

2. This effort shall include consideration of incentives that can legally be provided by governments in the state of Washington; incentives that might be valuable if legally permitted in Washington; and an examination of incentives that have proven successful in supporting base economic activities in other regions, states and nations.

3. This effort shall include input from businesses and labor organizations engaged in base economic activities in King County, and from individuals and agencies with special expertise regarding incentives in Washington and in other States.

4. This effort shall address other issues and ideas that may be identified through collaborative planning by the participants in this effort.

5. This effort shall result in preparation of a report by the participants by August 31, 1995, regarding incentives that can legally be offered to support base economic activities throughout King County; and additional incentives that may be valuable if legally allowed. This report will be used as a basis for implementing incentives and for developing legislation that may be necessary to provide incentives.

PASSED by a vote of 11 to 0 this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March,  
1995.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Kent Pullen  
Chair

ATTEST:

Guadalupe P. P. P.  
Clerk of the Council

Attachments: