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MOTION NO. 9769

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A MOTION relating to the use of the Kingdome by the Seattle Seahawks; urging the Prosecuting Attorney to continue to vigorously protect King County's right to have the Seahawks play in the Kingdome throughout the remaining term of their existing Use Agreement.

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WHEREAS, the Seattle Seahawks are a major tenant of the Kingdome pursuant to a Use Agreement which requires the Seahawks to play all their regular season home games in the Kingdome through the term of the agreement, and

WHEREAS, the Use Agreement does not expire until December 31, 2005, and

WHEREAS, King County has made numerous major capital improvements to the Kingdome in recent years, including but not limited to scoreboard upgrades, seating replacements, energy plant modifications, a new public address system, turf replacement, and luxury loges representing millions of dollars in investments in the facility,

WHEREAS, King County has recently invested more than \$50 million to repair the Kingdome roof to continue to provide a first-class facility for professional football and other activities, and

WHEREAS, King County has and continues to aggressively pursue planning and funding options for potential major

1 expansions and enhancements for the Kingdome and has sought  
2 the Seahawks' cooperation in these efforts, and

3 WHEREAS, the performance of National Football League  
4 professional football in the Kingdome provides significant  
5 social and economic benefits to the City of Seattle, King  
6 County and their citizens, including but not limited to a  
7 national presence in professional sports, increased economic  
8 activity and tax revenues, and recreational enjoyment, and

9 WHEREAS, the Use Agreement expressly provides for an  
10 injunction if necessary to keep the Seahawks in the Kingdome,  
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12 WHEREAS, the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney of King  
13 County has successfully and vigorously defended King County's  
14 interests in its dealings with professional sports  
15 organizations through several decades;

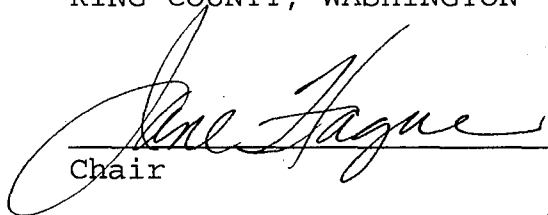
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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED by the Council of King  
County:

The Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, in consultation  
with the Council and the Executive, is hereby urged to  
continue to vigorously protect King County's right to have  
the Seahawks play in the Kingdome throughout the remaining  
term of their existing Use Agreement. The Council Chair is  
requested to work with the County Executive to appoint a  
special select committee of civic and business leaders to  
help locate a local buyer for the Seattle Seahawks and to  
take steps to make the franchise more successful.

PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
February, 1996.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Chair

ATTEST:

  
Deputy Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None