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A MOTION expressing intent to seek agreement with cities on a strategic framework for locally funded human services and to hold human services funding safe from disproportionate budget reductions while work progresses; and requesting support from the executive.

WHEREAS, in 1993 the King County council directed the King County children and family commission to review all of the county-funded programs for children, youth and families, and

WHEREAS, the commission found that the community services division of the department of community and human services had become the home to the majority of the county's discretionary human services programs and that these programs had developed in an ad hoc fashion with limited policy guidance and no provision for consistent planning and evaluation, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the commission's review and recommendations, the council adopted Motion 9137 approving planning guidelines for the community services division which called for development of a strategic plan, and

WHEREAS, in December 1995 the executive submitted the proposed Community Services Division Strategic Plan to the Council for approval, and

WHEREAS, the strategic plan was referred to the law, justice and human services committee, and

1 WHEREAS, the stated intent of the proposed strategic
2 plan is to provide a strategic framework for working in
3 partnership with cities and other local funders to plan,
4 coordinate and evaluate jointly-funded, community-based,
5 human services programs, and

6 WHEREAS, at the March 19, 1996 meeting of the law,
7 justice and human services committee a number of service
8 provider and suburban city representatives raised concerns
9 about lack of involvement in development of the plan and
10 potential disruption of existing services and relationships
11 by the proposed new emphasis on prevention and on competitive
12 contracting processes, and

13 WHEREAS, suburban cities representatives expressed
14 particular concern that the county would apparently be
15 changing its roles and responsibilities in regard to jointly
16 funded human services prior to any effort to discuss the
17 issue with its intended partners, and

18 WHEREAS, the Mayors of the Cities of Auburn and Bellevue
19 each requested by letter that the council refer the plan and
20 the issue of defining regional and local human services to an
21 appropriate regional body, and

22 WHEREAS, the law, justice and human services committee
23 responded by voting at its April 2, 1996 meeting to refer
24 Proposed Motion 96-96, approving the Community Services
25 Strategic Plan, to the regional policy committee;

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

28 A. The King County council expresses its intent, via
29 review by the regional policy committee of the Community
30 Services Strategic Plan, to seek agreement with cities on a

1 strategic framework for locally funded human services
 2 programs. The Community Services Strategic Plan proposes
 3 such a framework as a basis for implementing a collaborative,
 4 community-based program planning and review process and for
 5 initiating a process to determine which service areas would
 6 benefit most appropriately from different types of regional
 7 or local strategies.

8 B. The King County council further expresses its intent
 9 to hold discretionary human services funding safe from
 10 disproportionate reductions in the 1997 budget and to
 11 maintain current program funding policies, while work
 12 progresses on development and implementation of collaborative
 13 local/regional strategies.

14 C. The executive is hereby requested to help support
 15 the regional policy committee review process by providing
 16 representatives from the department of community and human
 17 services for the regional policy committee staff working
 18 group and by preparing a 1997 budget proposal in keeping with
 19 the intent expressed in Section B. above.

20 PASSED by a vote of 13 to 0 this 1st day of

21 July, 1996.

22 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
 23 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

24 Louise Miller
 25 VICE Chair

26 ATTEST:

27 Gerald G. Polton
 28 Clerk of the Council

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