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Introduced By:

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Proposed No.:

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MOTION NO. **9963** **1**

A MOTION approving the recommendations in the proviso report on the Women's Program and Women's Advisory Board and releasing Advisory Board funds for expenditure in 1996.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 12029, Section 43, requires the executive to "submit for council review and approval a report reviewing the mandate, mission, work program, organization, and current working roles and relationships of the Women's Advisory Board and the Women's Program and make recommendations regarding any necessary or desirable changes," and

WHEREAS, a report has been submitted reviewing the evolution of the program and the board, describing the shift in functions of both and the confusion about roles and responsibilities. The report provides recommendations for changes to clarify these roles and responsibilities in the future, and

WHEREAS, the Women's Advisory Board should focus on policy and advocacy at the county level and have a modest budget available to them to further this purpose. The main role of the board would be to periodically assess the needs of women in King County, and to advise the council and the executive on ways the county could respond to these needs, advocating for policy changes and funding, and

WHEREAS, new membership should be developed to ensure that membership is representative of all women in King County, and

WHEREAS, alternatives to the current appointment process should be explored. Models used by similar groups, including other county boards and commissions and the Seattle Women's Commission, should be considered. Any change should incorporate broad-based recruitment for available board positions;

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

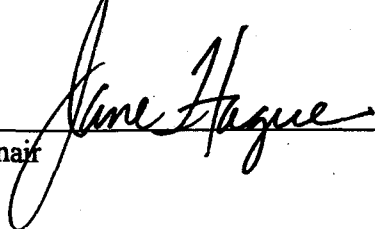
The recommendations as presented in the report should be further developed and written into a new ordinance to be presented to the council by January 1, 1997. This task should be carried out by a work group convened by the executive, and include representation from council staff, current and past board members, executive staff, and women's program staff.

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The balance of 1996 funding for the Women's Advisory Board, not used for continuing programs, is hereby released for use.

PASSED by a vote of 11 to 0 this 30th day of September, 1996.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chair

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council

Attachments: