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MOTION NO. **10211**

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A MOTION directing the executive to draft policy guidelines for transmittal to the council by September 1, 1997 that will assist the county in evaluating new uses or government actions proposed within the Farmland Preservation Program

WHEREAS, King County is recognized as a national leader in the preservation of farmlands; and

WHEREAS, the County is the owner and steward of development rights to over 12,600 acres of the county's most important agricultural lands; and

WHEREAS, the development rights were acquired through the Farmland Preservation Program which was overwhelmingly approved by the voters in 1979; and

WHEREAS, the County has an obligation to its citizens to enforce the specific requirements of the Farmland Preservation Program and to advance its fundamental objectives; and,

WHEREAS, the discharge of this important responsibility is challenging and complex because the nature and economics

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1 of farming are not static and are significantly different now
2 than they were in 1979.

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

5 The executive is directed to draft policy guidelines for
6 transmittal to the council by September 1, 1997 that will
7 assist the county in evaluating new uses or government
8 actions proposed from time-to-time for the land within the
9 Farmland Preservation Program to ensure that such uses or
10 actions:

11 1. Are consistent with the covenants set forth in the
12 Farmland Preservation Program deed of development rights, the
13 covenants of the 1979 Farmland Preservation Program ordinance
14 and the 1985 bond ordinance that funded the program;

15 2. Maintain the soil quality of the directly affected
16 property and do not threaten the soil quality of nearby lands
17 in the Farmland Preservation program;

18 3. Preserve the open space character of the directly
19 affected property and do not threaten the open space
20 character of nearby lands in the Farmland Preservation
21 program;

22 4. Promote the continued agricultural use of the
23 directly affected property and do not interfere with the
24 agricultural use of nearby lands in the Farmland Preservation
25 program; and,

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5. Prevent the loss of land use continuity by other governments or public entities "targeting" Farmland Preservation Program properties for purchase because of their lower price.

PASSED by a vote of 11 to 0 this 12th day of May, 1987.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chair Jane Hogue

ATTEST:

Shunt Mason
~~ACTING~~ Clerk of the Council

Attachments: