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Introduced By:

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MOTION NO.

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2 A MOTION relating to Initiative 200, requesting the King
3 County Executive to sponsor a public forum to discuss the
4 effects of local affirmative action programs and their relation
5 to Initiative 200 and respectfully requesting the Washington
6 State Legislature to consider exercising its constitutional
7 prerogative to prepare an alternative measure to appear with
8 Initiative 200 on the November 1998 ballot.

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10 WHEREAS, voters throughout Washington State have been asked to consider and
11 sign Initiative 200, and

12 WHEREAS, proponents of Initiative 200 have obtained a sufficient number of
13 signatures to submit the initiative to the Washington State Legislature, and

14 WHEREAS, it is within the constitutional power of the Washington State
15 Legislature to prepare an alternative and to place both it and Initiative 200 on the ballot for
16 the 1998 general election, and

17 WHEREAS, the Legislature should be the forum where alternatives such as
18 Initiative 200 are fully analyzed, debated, and alternatives proposed, and

19 WHEREAS, the metropolitan King County council finds that the public interest is
20 best served when the voters clearly understand the effects of ballot measures placed before
21 them, and

1 WHEREAS, many initiatives have unclear or unintended consequences, and
2 WHEREAS, Initiative 200 has already stimulated emotional and sometimes
3 inaccurate debate;

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

5 A. The Washington State Legislature, the Governor of the State of Washington,
6 and the Attorney General of the State of Washington are requested to fully analyze the
7 effects of Initiative 200.

8 B. The Washington State Legislature is respectfully requested to consider
9 exercising its constitutional prerogative to prepare an alternative ballot measure for the
10 1998 general election that includes that the State of Washington will insure equal
11 opportunity in public employment, education, and contracting to all of its citizens; prevent
12 discrimination based on race, sex, age, color, ethnicity or national origin; continue to
13 operate programs that hire qualified individuals; continue to prohibit the use of quotas;
14 continue to allow outreach and recruiting programs; and continue to allow other programs
15 that are necessary to maintain Federal funding.

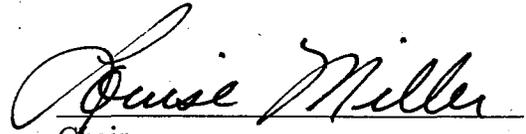
16 C. The King County executive is requested to compile and make available to the
17 public statistical information regarding the county's internal hiring affirmative action
18 efforts, the county's minority and women's business enterprise (M/WBE) program for
19 participation in county contracting and a statistical analysis of the county's demographic
20 profile by race, sex, color, ethnicity and national origin. This compilation should provide
21 factual information King County and serve to assist a public discussion of Initiative 200.

22 D. The King County executive is requested to sponsor and convene a balanced and
23 scholarly forum to discuss and evaluate the meaning and impacts of Initiative 200. Such a

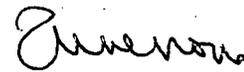
1 forum should be moderated by an objective third party organization. The diverse
2 viewpoints of Initiative 200 proponents and opponents should be equally represented in the
3 scholarly forum.

4 PASSED by a vote of 7 to 5 this 23rd day of February,
5 1998.

6 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
7 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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9 Chair

10 ATTEST:

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12 Clerk of the Council

13 Attachments: