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MOTION NO. **10747**

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2 A MOTION welcoming the World Trade Organization to
3 King County for the Seattle Round of talks on international
4 trade.

5 WHEREAS, the World Trade Organization is the designated world forum to
6 negotiate and reach agreements that result in expanded trade opportunities and that
7 positively affect the lives, the environment, sovereignty, business and working conditions
8 of the people of one hundred thirty three countries of the world, and

9 WHEREAS, Washington State and King County are unusually dependent on
10 international trade, with one in four jobs dependent on exports, and

11 WHEREAS, major new investments in facilities are being made throughout the
12 Puget Sound region that will support expanded international trade, and

13 WHEREAS, King County supports several key local organizations whose mission
14 it is to expand international trade, and

15 WHEREAS, the King County area has more than thirty sister county, sister city and
16 sister port relationships to encourage closer cultural and economic ties with the world
17 community, and

1 WHEREAS, there are more than twenty consulates and several foreign trade offices
2 in King County, and

3 WHEREAS, King County is home to many international residents, foreign students
4 and local citizens of diverse cultural backgrounds speaking nearly a hundred languages,
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the arrival of the World Trade Organization offers the unique
7 opportunity to learn about the WTO and its relationship to other countries of the world,
8 and

9 WHEREAS, trade laws should not only empower workers and consumers but
10 protect the environment, respect sovereignty and foster sustainable, broad-based economic
11 development, and

12 WHEREAS, the goal of a strong global economy should be to support basic human
13 rights and raise the living standards of the population around the world,

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

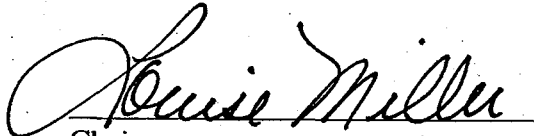
15 The council hereby welcomes the World Trade Organization and its delegates to
16 King County for an important global event.

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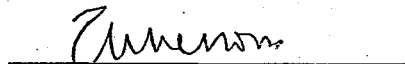
BE IT FURTHER MOVED that the Council hopes for successful discussions that result in expanded free and fair international trade, increased wealth for nations, businesses, and citizens, a higher quality of life for all people and respect for the basic human values expressed herein.

PASSED by a vote of 8 to 5 this 7th day of September, 1999.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chair

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council

Attachments: None