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A MOTION urging citizens of King County to vote yes on Initiative 335.

WHEREAS, outlets of hard-core pornography are opening in increasing numbers in both incorporated and unincorporated parts of King County; and

WHEREAS, the kinds of hard-core pornography being sold in King County are becoming increasingly bizarre, violent and repulsive to anyone's standard of decency; and

WHEREAS, most hard-core pornography is produced and distributed by organized crime and evidence developed by the Organized Crime Intelligence Unit of the Washington State Patrol indicates that there are both direct and indirect connections between organized crime and Washington State outlets of hard-core pornography; and

WHEREAS, hard-core pornography harms many of our citizens, including our children and families; and

WHEREAS, hard-core pornography outlets are detrimental to legitimate businesses, reduce property values, increase the costs of law enforcement, and are harmful to the quality of life in our neighborhoods, cities and towns; and

WHEREAS, both the United States Supreme Court and the Washington State Supreme Court have repeatedly held that pornography is not protected by the First Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the criminal law is not effective in controlling the increasing problem of hard-core pornography sales and exhibitions; and

WHEREAS, State of Washington Initiative No. 335 offers the citizens of King County an opportunity to approve a new civil law that, together with the criminal law, can be used by public officials and the courts to control sales and exhibitions of hard-core pornography; and

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WHEREAS, the definition of obscenity used in Initiative 335 is exactly the same as the definition of obscenity spelled out by the United States Supreme Court in Miller v. California in 1973, said definition having been applied and tested by the courts in tens of thousands of cases since 1973; and

WHEREAS, the procedural sections of Initiative 335 are modeled after a new Ohio statute that has been repeatedly held constitutional.

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

Initiative 335 is recognized and endorsed as a new, necessary and valuable tool to be used by the Supreme Courts to help stop the spread of the outlets of hard-core pornography.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED the King County Council urges all citizens of King County to vote YES on Initiative 335 at the General Election on November 8, 1977.

PASSED this 31st day of October, 1977

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Mike Lowry
Chairman

ATTEST:

Dorothy M. Alvares DEPUTY
Clerk of the Council