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Introduced by: Reams, Stern, Chow
Proposed Ordinance No. 78-176

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ORDINANCE NO. 3631

AN ORDINANCE establishing a Women's Program within the Department of Executive Administration providing for the appointment and defining the duties of the Coordinator of this Program; providing for the creation and specifying the duties of the King County Women's Advisory Group.

PREAMBLE:

The King County Council recognizes the need to improve the status and well-being of women in their contributions to home, business, government, arts, education, family and community. The Council previously has established policy in Motion 3388 with regard to the creation of a King County Women's Program.

Said motion, recognizing the responsibility to foster a decentralized program for the benefit of King County women, designated four ongoing agencies as field representatives. Those agencies; Bellevue Community College, Highline Community College, Green River Community College, and Shoreline Community College, were assigned the responsibility for executing the program for the balance of 1978. The Council further intends that the King County Women's Program shall operate in cooperation with existing agencies within the City of Seattle. Future consideration of the needs of women within the City of Seattle and other incorporated jurisdictions is not precluded.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. A Women's Program and Women's Advisory Group are hereby created to foster programs, legislation and policies for the benefit of women throughout King County. Goals and objectives of the Women's Program and Women's Advisory Group shall include the following:

- a. To document the needs of women in King County;
- b. To recommend ways that the existing service delivery system can be more responsive to the needs of women;
- c. To act as a proponent within County government to improve the status of women;
- d. To implement a decentralized program, working with designated field representatives and other ongoing agencies to design and carry out program activities that will improve the status of women;
- e. To make recommendations to the County Council and to the

1 County Executive on legislation, policies, programs and funding
2 necessary to carry out the purposes of this Ordinance;

3 f. To inform and educate the public regarding the status
4 of women.

5 SECTION 2. Four ongoing agencies are designated as field
6 representatives of the program: Bellevue Community College,
7 Highline Community College, Green River Community College and
8 Shoreline Community College. Those agencies are responsible for
9 conducting needs assessments in the North, South, East and West
10 portions of King County, and for executing the program for the
11 balance of 1978.

12 SECTION 3. Two agencies, Renton Vocational Technical
13 Institute and Lake Washington Vocational Technical Institute,
14 shall provide direct training services in support of the King
15 County Women's Program. The types of services and eligible
16 expenses will be approved by the County based on the conclusions
17 and priorities for services identified by the needs assessments.

18 SECTION 4. The Women's Program shall be administered by the
19 Department of Executive Administration within the office of the
20 County Administrative Office.

21 SECTION 5. The Coordinator of the Women's Program shall be
22 accountable to the County Administrative Office or his/her
23 designee for carrying out the following duties and responsibili-
24 ties:

25 a. To coordinate the Women's Program, including contract
26 performance monitoring.

27 b. To provide staff support for the King County Women's
28 Advisory Group; to include attending all regular meetings of the
29 King County Women's Advisory Group, consulting with and reporting
30 regularly to said Group on the workings and activities of the
31 Women's Program;

32 c. To coordinate the activities of the designated field
33 representatives, consulting with said representatives and

1 assisting them in their charge to identify the unmet needs of
2 women in King County, and to execute the program for the balance
3 of 1978;

4 d. To work with the service delivery system and the
5 community, in reporting to the Women's Advisory Group to identify
6 ways that the existing service delivery system can be more
7 effective in meeting women's needs;

8 e. To work with community members and service agencies,
9 in reporting to the Women's Advisory Group to identify, develop,
10 and promote programs that will improve the status and well-being
11 of women.

12 f. To make recommendations through the Women's Advisory
13 group to the County Council and to the County Executive on
14 legislation, policies, programs, and funding necessary to carry
15 out the purposes of this Ordinance.

16 g. To prepare the proposed annual budget for Women's Program
17 to include review by the Women's Advisory Group.

18 SECTION 6. The position of Coordinator of the Women's
19 Program shall be a career service position.

20 SECTION 7. There is hereby established a King County Women's
21 Advisory Group to be composed of eleven (11) members, one
22 nominated from each Council District by the County Council, and
23 two nominated from unincorporated King County by the County
24 Executive. These nominations shall represent the diversity of
25 women in King County and shall not include employees or Board
26 members of agencies receiving funding from the Women's Program.
27 Nominees shall be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed
28 by a majority vote of the County Council.

29 Once constituted, the Women's Advisory Group shall establish
30 terms of appointment by lot. Four members shall serve one year;
31 four members shall serve two years; and three members shall serve
32 three years.

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1 SECTION 8. The King County Women's Advisory Group shall act
2 in an advisory capacity to the County Executive, the County
3 Council, and the Women's Program in respect to matters concerning
4 women. The Women's Advisory Group shall examine and define issues
5 pertaining to the rights and needs of all women in the County,
6 prioritize unmet needs of women, and make recommendations to the
7 County Executive and the County Council on how best to meet those
8 needs. The Women's Advisory Group is authorized to gather data
9 and disseminate information to the public in order to implement
10 the purposes of this Ordinance.

11 The Women's Advisory Group, with support from the Coordinator
12 of the King County Women's Program shall prepare a report on the
13 status of the women's program to be presented to the Council prior
14 to the annual budget deliberations. The report will summarize the
15 year's activities in relation to the objectives stated in the
16 work plan, and make programmatic and policy recommendations as to
17 how King County can best respond to the unmet needs of its women
18 residents.

19 SECTION 9. The King County Women's Advisory Group shall
20 organize, elect appropriate officers, and shall adopt rules and
21 administrative procedures for its own operation. Such rules shall
22 include a definition of conflict of interest issues coming before
23 the group, and appropriate voting restrictions. The Women's
24 Advisory Group shall meet at least once a month and all meetings
25 shall be open to the public. Records of the proceedings shall be
26 maintained.

27 Six members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of
28 conducting business. Any member of the Women's Advisory Group
29 who, without having been excused by the Group Chairperson, shall
30 fail to attend three regularly scheduled consecutive meetings of
31 the Women's Advisory Group shall be removed and the position
32 declared vacant by the appointing authority. Any vacancies
33 occurring in the membership of the Advisory Group shall be filled

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1 for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the
2 original appointments.

3 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 6th day of
4 march, 1978.

5 PASSED this 20th day of March, 1978.

7 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
8 KING COUNTY, Washington

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10 Bernward Stern
11 Chairman

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13 ATTEST:

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15 Deputy G. M. [Signature]
16 DEPUTY Clerk of the Council

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18 APPROVED this 21st day of March, 1978

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20 [Signature]
21 King County Executive