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Introduced by
Proposed No. 81-472

ORDINANCE NO. 5610

AN ORDINANCE calling an election by the voters of the County to be held on November 3, 1981, to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds of the County in the principal amount of \$7,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds for the design, construction and equipping of the new King County correctional facility, for project start-up costs, for renovation of the existing jail facility, and for payment of interim financing costs.

PREAMBLE:

The health, safety, and welfare of the residents of King County (the "County") require that the County operate and maintain an adequate, humane, and secure corrections system. Significant efforts have been made by County government to meet this responsibility. Such efforts have included the development of work release programs; treatment programs related to the decriminalization of public inebriety; personal recognizance release programs; increased use of citations as an alternative to incarceration for misdemeanor offenses; and creation of the Department of Rehabilitative Services to consolidate the Seattle and King County jails.

The central facility in the corrections system, the King County Jail (the "Jail"), however, cannot adequately meet the facility and program needs of the County. The jail occupies portions of the King County Courthouse (constructed in 1930) and of the Seattle Public Safety Building (constructed in 1950). The primary deficiencies of the existing facility result from two

1 factors. First, the Jail is old, in poor condition, and poorly
2 designed. Second, a rapidly increasing number of inmates has more
3 than doubled the Jail's average daily population since 1973,
4 creating severe inmate crowding and placing increased pressure on
5 the physical plant, programs and services.

6 . The Washington State legislature has acknowledged the
7 need to improve local jail facilities and has authorized the
8 issuance of up to approximately \$230 million of State general
9 obligation bonds in order to provide funds to local jurisdictions
10 for the planning, acquisition, construction, and improvement of
11 jail buildings and necessary supporting facilities. Of this
12 amount, King County has been allocated approximated \$60.3 million
13 for the construction of a new correctional facility and remodeling
14 of the existing Jail.

15 Renovation of the existing jail will alleviate, but not
16 eliminate, present deficiencies. It has become necessary,
17 therefore, to acquire property and proceed to construct a new
18 correctional facility, to renovate a part of the existing jail
19 facilities, and to equip such new and renovated facilities.
20 Portions of the acquisition, construction, renovation, and
21 necessary equipment costs will not be reimbursable out of the
22 \$60.3 million provided by the State, but will require the
23 expenditure of County funds.

24 The County must fund the following: site acquisition and
25 preparation and related interim financing costs; design and
26 provision of secure courtroom facilities; costs of connecting the
27 heating systems of the new correctional facility, the County
28 Administration Building and Courthouse; administration and
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1 start-up costs; costs of furnishings and equipment; and other
2 costs directly related to the jail project and not to be
3 reimbursed by the State.

4 The County lacks sufficient funds with which to pay for
5 land acquisition and make the necessary improvements. To pay for
6 such site acquisition and improvements, it is necessary that the
7 County incur a general indebtedness by issuing its general
8 obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$7,000,000 which has
9 been calculated to be the difference between the total cost of
10 the acquisition of the site to be used for the new correctional
11 facility and improvements and the \$60.3 million to be provided by
12 the State of Washington.

13 The constitution and laws of the State of Washington
14 require that the question of whether the County may issue and sell
15 bonds for such purposes be submitted to the qualified electors of
16 the County for their ratification or rejection, and the conditions
17 set forth above create an emergency which requires the question be
18 submitted at a special election.

19 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

20 SECTION 1. It is hereby found and declared that it is
21 necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the people
22 of King County that the County carry out the plans hereinafter
23 provided at the time or times and in the order deemed most
24 necessary and advisable by the Council of King County; and it is
25 further found and declared that the object of such plans is the
26 furtherance of a system of public health and safety facilities for
27 the benefit of all the residents of the County and consititues a
28 single purpose.

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1 SECTION 2. The County shall acquire, construct, reno-
2 vate, and equip County facilities to provide new jail and jail-
3 related facilities (the "Project"). The Project will include but
4 not be limited to the following: site acquisition and preparation
5 and related interim financing costs; design, construction, and
6 start-up of a new correctional facility; renovation of the
7 existing Jail; connection of the heating systems of the new
8 correctional facility, the County Administration Building and
9 Courthouse; furnishing and equipping of the new and existing
10 facilities; and provision of secure courtroom facilities, all as
11 found necessary by the Council of King County.

12 SECTION 3. For the purpose of providing funds necessary
13 to pay part of the costs of the Project (including reimbursement
14 of funds expended by the County prior to the sale of the bonds
15 discussed below), the County shall issue and sell its general
16 obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$7,000,000
17 (the "Bonds"), or so much thereof as from time to time may be
18 issued and sold under the laws of the State of Washington govern-
19 ing the limitation of indebtedness of counties. The balance of
20 the cost of the Project shall be paid by the \$60.3 million
21 allocated to the County by the Washington State Jail Commission,
22 or by such other source as may be available and lawful.

23 The Bonds shall be sold in such amounts and at such time
24 or times as deemed necessary and advisable by the Council and as
25 permitted by law, shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed the
26 maximum rate permitted by law at the time the Bonds are sold, and
27 shall mature serially in such amounts and at such time or times
28 within twenty years from the date or dates of issue as authorized
29 by the Council and as provided by law. Both principal of and
30 interest on the Bonds shall be payable out of annual tax levies to
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1 be made upon all the taxable property within the County in excess
2 of constitutional and statutory limits and from any other money
3 which may become available and may be used for such purposes. The
4 exact date, form, terms, and maturities of the Bonds shall be as
5 hereafter fixed by ordinance of the Council.

6 SECTION 4. The principal proceeds of sale of the Bonds
7 shall be deposited in the Jail Renovation and Construction Fund in
8 the office of the Comptroller of King County except that any
9 premium and accrued interest on the Bonds received at the time of
10 their delivery shall be paid into a fund of the County to be used
11 for the redemption of the Bonds. Money in the Jail Renovation and
12 Construction Fund may be temporarily deposited in such institu-
13 tions or invested in such obligations as may be lawful for the
14 investment of County money and may be temporarily advanced to the
15 fund for the redemption of the Bonds to pay Bond interest pending
16 receipt of taxes levied therefor.

17 The principal proceeds from the sale of the Bonds and any
18 interest received from the deposit or investment of such proceeds
19 shall be applied and used solely for the purposes set forth in
20 this ordinance and all costs incident thereto, including interim
21 financing of the Project and costs incident to the issuance of the
22 Bonds; and none of such proceeds shall be used for other than a
23 capital purpose.

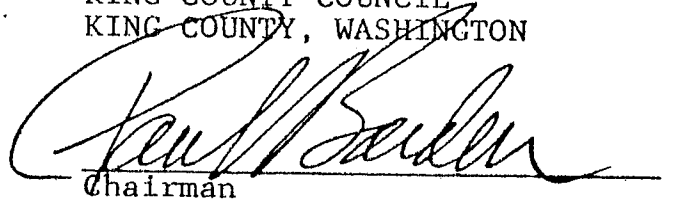
24 In the event the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, plus any
25 or all of the other moneys above described, are insufficient to
26 fund all of the Project, the County shall use the available funds
27 for paying the cost of those portions of the Project deemed by the
28 Council to be most necessary and in the best interest of the
29 County.

1 The Clerk of the Council is hereby authorized and directed
2 to deliver a certified copy of this ordinance to the Manager
3 of the County Records and Elections Division at least forty-
4 five days prior to the date of the special election provided
5 for herein. Such County special election shall be noticed
6 and conducted in the manner provided by law.

7 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 13th day of
8 July, 1981.

9 PASSED this 14th day of August, 19 81.

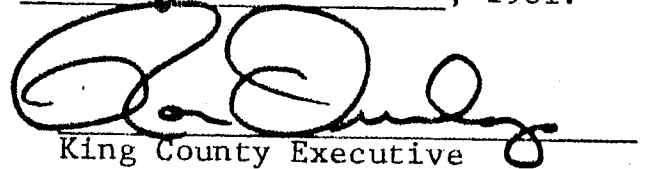
10 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
11 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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13 Chairman

14 ATTEST:

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16 Joan S. Owens DEPUTY
17 Clerk of the Council

18 APPROVED this 24th day of August, 1981.

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20 King County Executive