

ORDINANCE NO. 5757

AN ORDINANCE adopting the 1982 Annual Budget and making appropriations for the operation of County agencies and departments and capital improvements for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1982, and ending December 31, 1982,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. The 1982 Annual Budget is hereby adopted and subject to the provisions hereinafter set forth and the several amounts hereinafter specified or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to accomplish the purposes designated, appropriations are hereby authorized to be distributed for salaries, wages and other expenses of the various agencies and departments of King County, for capital improvements, and for other specified purposes for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1982, and ending December 31, 1982, out of the several funds of the County hereinafter named and set forth in the following sections.

SECTION 2. Within fund appropriations are sums to cover merit pay and labor settlements. The County Executive is authorized to distribute the required portion of these funds among the affected positions in each operating fund effective January 1, 1982. In the event cost-of-living adjustments are greater than funding provided, all budgets shall be augmented as required from funds available to the County not otherwise appropriated; provided that an ordinance shall be forwarded to the Council appropriating said funds by division. No cost-of-living adjustment for employees whose salary is \$30,000 or more per annum shall exceed 6% of such base salary.

SECTION 3. The term "FTE" means the budgetary equivalent of one position continuously filled full-time for the entire fiscal year and may be comprised of any combination of part-time positions or full-time positions. The maximum limitation on the number of FTE which shall be intended by the Council is indicated by proviso.



1 Advisor.

2 SECTION 10. COUNTY EXECUTIVE - From the Current Expense

3 Fund there is hereby appropriated to:

4 County Executive \$ 414,325

5 Provided that:

6 A. No more than 11.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for the County  
7 Executive.

8 SECTION 11. PROGRAM RESEARCH - From the Current Expense

9 Fund there is hereby appropriated to:

10 Program Research \$ 295,515

11 Provided that:

12 A. No more than 8.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for Program  
13 Research.

14 SECTION 12. PROGRAM BUDGETS - From the Current Expense Fund

15 there is hereby appropriated to:

16 Program Budgets \$ 938,513

17 Provided that:

18 A. No more than 24.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for Program  
19 Budgets.

20 SECTION 13. PUBLIC SAFETY - From the Current Expense Fund

21 there is hereby appropriated to:

22 Public Safety \$23,317,377

23 Provided that:

24 A. No more than 648.0 FTE's shall be budgeted in Public  
25 Safety.

26 B. \$187,700 of the above Public Safety appropriation is  
27 intended for the County's increased share of full Marine Patrol  
28 services upon completion of negotiations with suburban  
29 jurisdictions.

30 C. The Department of Public Safety shall present its  
31 proposal for providing Marine Patrol services along with the  
32 suburban contracts for approval by the County Council, prior to  
33 May 1, 1982, before proceeding with the full services.

1 D. The basis for allocation of costs shall include a 15  
2 percent County regional share plus a County share of 39% of the  
3 remaining 85 percent of costs based on average patrol hours,  
4 calls for service, and shoreline miles.

5 E. Reallocation of these funds for other Public Safety  
6 purposes may be proposed only after the Council has evaluated the  
7 Department's Marine Patrol Proposal, and the status of suburban  
8 contract negotiations.

9 F. \$215,000 shall be appropriated for the purpose of adding  
10 additional patrol officers in the second quarter of 1982.

11 G. \$79,000 shall be appropriated for the purpose of adding  
12 one additional Community Crime Prevention police officer to each  
13 of the three County Police Precincts for a total of 6 officers so  
14 deployed.

15 SECTION 14. CIVIL SERVICE - From the Current Expense Fund  
16 there is hereby appropriated to:

17 Civil Service \$ 102,900

18 Provided that:

19 A. No more than 2.0 FTE shall be budgeted in Civil Service.

20 SECTION 15. PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

21 ADMINISTRATION - From the Current Expense Fund there is hereby  
22 appropriated to:

23 Planning & Community Development Admin. \$ 182,177

24 Provided that:

25 A. No more than 4.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for Planning  
26 and Community Development Administration.

27 SECTION 16. BUILDING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT - From the  
28 Current Expense Fund there is hereby appropriated to:

29 Building & Land Development \$ 3,928,578

30 Provided that:

31 A. No more than 113.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for Building  
32 and Land Development.

33 SECTION 17. PARKS - From the Current Expense Fund there is

1 hereby appropriated to:

2 Parks \$ 7,976,256

3 Provided that:

4 A. No more than 162.5 FTE's shall be budgeted for Parks  
5 Operating.

6 B. The King County Cultural Arts Center be retained at  
7 Moshier with one FTE.

8 C. \$50,000 shall be expended as King County's share of the  
9 Pine Lake Restoration Project. Expenditure of these funds shall  
10 be contingent upon designation of an entity as lead agency with  
11 responsibility to carry-out the implementation phase of this  
12 project.

13 SECTION 18. PLANNING - From the Current Expense Fund there  
14 is hereby appropriated to:

15 Planning \$ 1,213,206

16 Provided that:

17 A. No more than 40.5 FTE's shall be budgeted for Planning.

18 SECTION 19. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE - From the Current  
19 Expense Fund there is hereby appropriated to:

20 County Administrator Office \$ 775,999

21 Provided that:

22 A. No more than 21.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for the County  
23 Administrator Office.

24 B. The County Administrator Office shall prepare and  
25 provide to the Council a comprehensive ten-year space study for  
26 King County by June 1, 1982.

27 SECTION 20. GENERAL SERVICES - From the Current Expense  
28 Fund there is hereby appropriated to:

29 General Services \$ 2,550,662

30 Provided that:

31 A. No more than 83.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for General  
32 Services.

33 SECTION 21. PERSONNEL - From the Current Expense Fund there

1 is hereby appropriated to:

2 Personnel \$ 771,571

3 Provided that:

4 A. No more than 23.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for Personnel.

5 SECTION 22. REAL PROPERTY - From the Current Expense Fund  
6 there is hereby appropriated to:

7 Real Property \$ 956,263

8 Provided that:

9 A. The budget of the Acquisition and Sales Section,  
10 \$434,275, is predicated on the following factors:

11 B. The workload presented by the Real Property Division to  
12 Council Staff in a memorandum dated October 22, 1981. Workload  
13 reductions are expected to result in proportionate staff  
14 reductions.

15 C. A maximum rate of billing projects corresponding to the  
16 rates used in deriving the budget of the Section, and contained  
17 in same memorandum.

18 D. Projected Revenues of \$400,095 in the following Acct.  
19 Codes:

20 37103--Payments--County Roads

21 37105--Payments--River Improvements

22 37130--Payments--River and Flood Construction

23 37136--Payments--Arterial Highway Development

24 37137--Payments--Park Acquisition and Development

25 E. No more than 29.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for Real  
26 Property.

27 SECTION 23. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT - From the Current  
28 Expense Fund there is hereby appropriated to:

29 Facilities Management \$ 2,385,687

30 Provided that:

31 A. No more than 64.9 FTE's shall be budgeted for Facilities  
32 Management.

33 SECTION 24. COMPTROLLER - From the Current Expense Fund

1 there is hereby appropriated to:

2 Comptroller \$ 4,026,789

3 Provided that:

4 A. No more than 102.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for the  
5 Comptroller.

6 SECTION 25. RECORDS AND ELECTIONS - From the Current  
7 Expense Fund there is hereby appropriated to:

8 Records and Elections \$ 3,606,738

9 Provided that:

10 A. No more than 42.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for Records  
11 and Elections; part-time workers are excluded.

12 SECTION 26. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY - From the Current Expense  
13 Fund there is hereby appropriated to:

14 Prosecuting Attorney \$ 6,140,250

15 Provided that:

16 A. No more than 178.0 FTE's shall be budgeted in the  
17 Prosecuting Attorney.

18 SECTION 27. SUPERIOR COURT - From the Current Expense Fund  
19 there is hereby appropriated to:

20 Superior Court \$ 6,494,802

21 Provided that:

22 A. No more than 182.25 FTE's shall be budgeted in Superior  
23 Court.

24 SECTION 28. DISTRICT COURTS - From the Current Expense Fund  
25 there is hereby appropriated to:

26 District Courts \$ 6,375,321

27 Provided that:

28 A. No more than 206.1 FTE's shall be budgeted in District  
29 Courts.

30 SECTION 29. JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION - From the Current  
31 Expense Fund there is hereby appropriated to:

32 Judicial Administration \$ 2,957,931

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1 be subject to approval by the Council through specific program  
2 appropriations.

3 B. The Executive present the total costs and benefits of  
4 developing a new Management Information System for the new  
5 corrections facility to the Council for review and approval by  
6 motion prior to expenditure of budgeted funds. If approved, the  
7 Executive present quarterly reports on the progress of the  
8 development of the Jail MIS system including changes in the  
9 project's scope, schedule, costs, and benefits.

10 C. The Executive contingency contains an amount of up to  
11 \$115,000 for Agriculture Programs. Allocation of such funds  
12 shall be subject to appeal by the Council through specific  
13 program appropriations.

14 D. No cost-of-living adjustment for employees whose salary  
15 is \$30,000 or more per annum shall exceed 6% of such base salary.

16 SECTION 37. ASSESSMENTS - From the Current Expense Fund  
17 there is hereby appropriated to:

18 Assessments \$ 7,161,092

19 Provided that:

20 A. No more than 254.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for  
21 Assessments.

22 SECTION 38. TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS - From the Current  
23 Expense Fund there is hereby appropriated to:

24 Fund Transfers \$ 9,461,578

25 SECTION 39. MEDICAL EXAMINER - From the Current Expense  
26 Fund there is hereby appropriated to:

27 Medical Examiner \$ 948,843

28 Provided that:

29 A. No more than 26 FTE's shall be budgeted for Medical  
30 Examiner.

31 SECTION 40. REHABILITATIVE SERVICES - From the Current  
32 Expense Fund there is hereby appropriated to:

33 Rehabilitative Services \$12,030,307



1 Fund there is hereby appropriated:

2 Surface Water Management \$ 2,142,396

3 Provided that:

4 A. No more than 32.6 FTE's shall be budgeted for River  
5 Improvements.

6 SECTION 45. VETERAN'S AID - From the Veteran's Aid Relief  
7 Fund there is hereby appropriated: \$ 339,138

8 Provided that:

9 A. No more than 5.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for Veteran's  
10 Aid.

11 SECTION 46. HUMAN SERVICES - From the Human Services Fund  
12 there is hereby appropriated: \$11,843,494

13 Provided that:

14 A. No more than 18.5 FTE's shall be budgeted for Human  
15 Services.

16 SECTION 47. INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT - From the Involuntary  
17 Treatment Fund there is hereby appropriated: \$ 1,900,526

18 Provided that:

19 A. No more than 33.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for  
20 Involuntary Treatment.

21 SECTION 48. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND - From the  
22 Emergency Medical Services Fund there is hereby appropriated:

23 \$ 5,363,913

24 Provided that:

25 A. No more than 43.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for Emergency  
26 Medical Services.

27 SECTION 49. ALCOHOLISM - From the Alcoholism Fund there is  
28 hereby appropriated: \$ 8,239,214

29 Provided that:

30 A. No more than 165.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for  
31 Alcoholism.

32 SECTION 50. SAFETY AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION - From the  
33 Safety and Worker's Compensation Fund there is hereby

1 appropriated: \$ 923,507

2 Provided that:

3 A. No more than 7.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for Safety and  
4 Worker's Compensation.

5 SECTION 51. PUBLIC HEALTH POOLING - From the Public Health  
6 Pooling Fund there is hereby appropriated to:

7 Seattle Services \$ 6,364,816

8 King County Services \$13,667,869

9 Provided that:

10 A. No more than 471.3 FTE's shall be budgeted for County  
11 Divisions.

12 B. The Personal Health Services Supervisor is funded for 6  
13 months, pending demonstration of need.

14 C. Rehabilitative Services shall implement a pilot program  
15 using corrections officers trained as emergency medical  
16 technicians.

17 D. Rehabilitative Services and the Health Dept. shall  
18 investigate less costly methods of delivering health  
19 services--such as in Spokane County--and report to the Council by  
20 or before September 1, 1982.

21 E. Rehabilitative Services and the Health Dept. shall  
22 investigate and implement a procedure used by Spokane County  
23 whereby prisoners pay for dental services when they have the  
24 resources to do so.

25 F. \$5,938 shall be used to support the Central Seattle  
26 Language Bank and International Health Clinic.

27 SECTION 52. INTER COUNTY RIVER IMPROVEMENT - From the  
28 Inter-County River Improvement Fund there is hereby appropriated:

29 \$ 50,000

30 SECTION 53. GRANTS FUND - From the Grants Fund - Operating  
31 there is hereby appropriated: \$ 3,223,529

32 SECTION 54. CETA EMPLOYMENT - From the CETA Employment  
33 Funds there is hereby appropriated: \$ 4,618,993



1	CD-2779-82	Neighborhood Strategy Area Program	90,504
2		<u>Add</u>	
3	CD-2214-82	Garden for Blind & Disabled--Design	6,000
4		Provided that:	
5		A. Further funding at \$54,000 of project construction is a high priority in future years.	
6	CD-2216-82	Renton Multi-Service Center	40,000
7		Provided that:	
8		A. The Renton Multi-Service Center can satisfactorily demonstrate the availability of funding from other sources for the acquisition and rehabilitation of the interior of the building.	
11			\$ 632,377

12 \*Prior Commitment

14 POPULATION FUND PROJECTS BY REGION

15 SOUTHWEST REGION

16 (\$870,335 Available)

17	<u>PROJECT #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	
18	CD-2210-82	Skyway/Renton Ave. Sidewalks & Landscaping	\$ 62,000
19	CD-2247-82	Skyway Park Access & Improvements	90,916
20	CD-2675-82	Public Housing Emergency Services	88,698
21	CD-2220-82	Sea-Tac Noise Insulation	50,000
22	CD-2243-82	White Center Park Improvements	61,072
23			
24	CD-2255-82	White Center Drainage - Final Phase	196,492
25	CD-2680-B-82	Highline Dental Pgm. - Health Dept.	82,884
26	CD-2017-82	Vashon Senior Center Construction*	99,784
27	CD-2242-82	Lake Grove Park Game Courts	13,500
28	CD-2248-82	Interurban Trail - Phase III	184,800
29		<u>Add</u>	
30	CD-2211-82	Adult General Dentistry	19,444
31			\$ 949,590
32			
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SOUTHEAST REGION

(\$355,842 available)

<u>PROJECT #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	
CD-2236-82	Ravensdale Park - Gracie Hanson Bldg. Improvements	\$ 155,842
CD-2246-82	Lake Wilderness Park Improvements	200,000
	<u>Add</u>	
CD-2207-82	Maple Valley Crime Prevention/ Security	20,850
CD-2216-82	Renton Multi-Service Center	60,814

Provided that:

A. The Renton Multi-Service Center can satisfactorily demonstrate the availability of funding from other sources for the acquisition and the rehabilitation of the interior of the building.

CD-2106-82	Lake Desire Lodge	<u>40,200</u>
		\$ 477,706

NORTH AND EAST REGIONS

North - \$310,105    East - \$115,191

(\$427,296 Available)

<u>PROJECT #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	
CD-2049-82	North NSP Drainage (11th NE & 12th NE)	\$ 160,000
CD-2260-82	NE 177th Sidewalk/Landscaping	45,105
CD-2862-82	132nd Square Park Development	73,789
CD-2254-82	Kenmore Steps	5,000
CD-2237-82	Duvall Park Improvements	22,680
CD-2224-82	Sno-Valley Commercial Analysis	69,436
CD-2250-82	Riverbend Stream Basin Analysis & Drainage System Improvements	<u>49,286</u>

Provided that:

A. A stream basin analysis shall be prepared to identify necessary channel, culvert and drainage system improvements.

Add

CD-2218-82	Snoqualmie Flood Impact Mitigation Program	<u>25,000</u>
		\$ 450,296





COUNTYWIDE NEEDS

(\$1,754,147 Available)

PROJECT #	NAME	
CD-2019-82	AMPL Program	\$ 294,298
CD-2227-82	Senior Mobile Home Park	256,722
CD-2204-82	H&CD Admin. (50%)	224,430
CD-2461-82	Housing Repair Program	700,000
CD-2578-82	Unified Weatherization Pgm.	100,000
CD-2680-82	Health Dept. Clinics	99,146
CD-2225-82	Elderly/Hdcp. Housing Revolving Fund	15,000
CD-2862-82	132nd Square Park Devel.	<u>13,643</u>
		\$1,703,239

POPULATION FUND PROJECTS (Countywide)

PROJECT #	NAME	
CD-2230-82	Housing Hotline--Intake/Inspection	\$ 26,725
CD-2642-82	Historic Preservation	55,000
CD-2204-82	H&CD Admin. (50%)	224,428
CD-2654-82	Minority Technical Assistance	21,145
CD-2224-82	Senior Housing Counseling	-0-
CD-2862-82	132nd Square Park Development	12,568
	<u>Add</u>	
CD-2212-82	Communicative Needs of the Elderly	24,792
CD-2239-82	Marymoor Mansion Historical Rehabilitation	43,686

Provided that:

A. The Landmarks Commission recommend priorities for building repair in cooperation with the King County Parks Division.

\$ 408,344

SECTION 58. SOLID WASTE - From the Solid Waste Fund there is hereby appropriated: \$13,404,352



1 is hereby appropriated: \$ 842,032

2 Provided that:

3 A. No more than 16.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for  
4 Architecture Operations.

5 SECTION 65. PUBLIC WORKS ER&R - From the Public Works ER&R  
6 Fund there is hereby appropriated: \$ 4,337,729

7 Provided that:

8 A. No more than 42.0 FTE's shall be budgeted for Public  
9 Works ER&R.

10 SECTION 66. MOTOR POOL ER&R - From the Motor Pool ER&R Fund  
11 there is hereby appropriated: \$ 3,369,687

12 Provided that:

13 A. No more than 19.0 FTEs shall be budgeted for Motor Pool  
14 operations.

15 SECTION 67. PURCHASING STORES - From the Purchasing Stores  
16 Fund there is hereby appropriated: \$ 563,778

17 Provided that:

18 A. No more than 2.0 FTEs shall be budgeted for Purchasing  
19 Stores.

20 SECTION 68. REPRODUCTION FUND - From the Reproduction Fund  
21 there is hereby appropriated: \$ 501,413

22 Provided that:

23 A. No more than 9 FTEs shall be budgeted for the  
24 Reproduction Fund.

25 SECTION 69. From the following named debt services funds,  
26 there are hereby appropriated the amounts hereinafter specified  
27 for the payment of principal and interest on the several general  
28 obligation bond issues authorized by vote and/or by virtue of the  
29 authority of the Board of County Commissioners or County Council:

30	465 Limited GO Bond Redemption	\$ 6,437,722
31	466 Unlimited GO Bond Redemption	\$17,551,976
32	493 Stadium Limited Bond Redemption	\$ 860,000

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Remaining projects not enumerated shall be allocated amounts  
as specified in Attachment No. 1.

Harborview Medical Construction \$ 6,860,105  
Stadum Operating (CIP only) \$ 488,250

SECTION 71. Accumulated unexpended prior years  
appropriations from several capital improvement project funds for  
the specific projects identified and contained in Attachment  
No. 1 to this ordinance are hereby cancelled as follows:

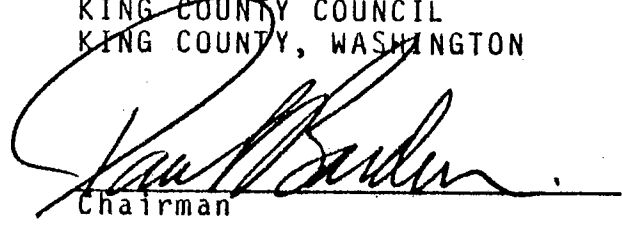
County Roads (CIP Only) \$ 860,281  
Building Modernization \$ 250,781  
Arterial Highway Development \$ 1,803,283  
Park Acquisition and Development \$ 649,871  
County Road Construction \$ 1,554,379  
Harborview Medical Center Const. - 1977 \$ 2,466,396

The County Executive is authorized to adjust the cancelled  
amounts above for specific projects contained in Attachment No. 1  
to reflect minor year-end 1981 adjustments as required.

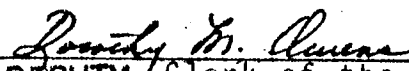
INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 26th day  
of October, 1981.

PASSED this 23rd day of November, 1981.

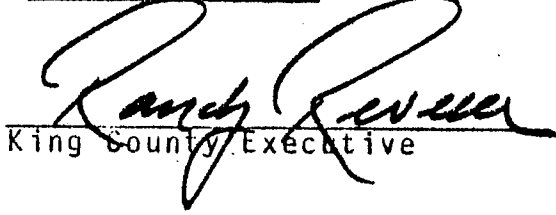
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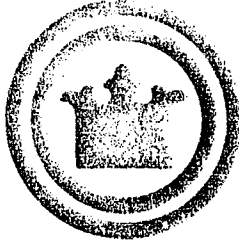
  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
DEPUTY Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 4th day of DECEMBER, 1981.

  
King County Executive



**Randy Revelle**

*King County Executive*

King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104  
(206) 344-4040

December 4, 1981

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The Honorable Paul Barden  
Chairman, King County Council  
402 King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Re: 1982 Budget

Dear Councilman Barden:

Enclosed is Ordinance 5757 which I have signed. The 1982 Budget adopted by the King County Council generally preserves the County's good financial condition and reflects reasonable funding priorities. I am very pleased by some of the changes made in the previous administration's proposed 1982 Budget, including the additional appropriations for the King County Arts Commission, the Marine Patrol, and the human services contingency. I am concerned, however, about some portions of the Ordinance and want to bring these concerns to the Council's attention.

Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS)

The Council made major reductions in the appropriations for the Corrections Division and DRS Administration. In total, \$869,000 was reduced from the previous administration's proposed DRS budget. Since I have not had time to develop my own proposals for addressing the problems in the King County Jail, I cannot yet comment on the wisdom of these reductions. Nevertheless, I am concerned that reductions of this magnitude may threaten our ability to comply with the State's jail standards and the terms of the Consent Decree. I have assigned the highest priority to my personal review of the Jail and related programs. Based on my review, I may request a supplemental DRS appropriation.

Salary Lid

I am very pleased that a majority of the Council has committed to amend the 1982 Budget Ordinance to strike the language limiting cost-of-living adjustments for employees whose annual salary is \$30,000 or more to 6% of their base salary. Such a limitation could pose serious problems. It could discriminate between union and non-represented employees, arbitrarily change salary structures, and cause serious employee morale problems. As part of our preparation of the Annual Salary Ordinance, I look forward to working with the Council in developing a cost-of-living plan for non-represented County employees.

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### Public Defense

The Council reduced the proposed 1982 Budget for Public Defense by a total of \$171,729. Apparently \$109,000 of this reduction is due to Council Staff's lower estimates of caseload volume. The Director of Public Defense advises me that it is unlikely that the lower volumes will be realized. We will try to negotiate contracts with the defender organizations that will allow us to handle actual caseloads within the adopted 1982 Budget. If our efforts prove unsuccessful, and if caseloads prove to be higher than the Council estimate, a supplemental appropriation will be required.

### Across-the-Board Reductions

The adopted 1982 Budget includes a one-half percent (.5%) across-the-board reduction for Current Expense agencies. I am very concerned about this approach to balancing the budget and hope it will not be used in the future. Across-the-board cuts represent an abrogation of our responsibility to provide Departments and other County agencies with budgets sufficient to do the work expected of them.

Nevertheless, I have instructed County agencies to identify and implement specific reductions in the required amounts. In some cases it will be necessary to eliminate items added by the Council in the adopted 1982 Budget. For example, the Department of Public Safety may have to achieve its reduction by eliminating the proposed take-home car program and by deferring until December, 1982 the addition of four of the ten new officers added by the Council. In some areas, the .5% may not be achievable; if problems occur, supplemental appropriations will be requested.

### Reorganization

I am currently reviewing the organization of the Executive Branch and will soon develop a work program and schedule for reorganizing selected parts of the administration. It may be necessary to request a supplemental appropriation to provide the resources needed to plan and implement a reorganization.

### Revenues

I am concerned that the revenue estimates supporting the adopted 1982 Budget may be too high. The Council has yet to pass several fee ordinances upon which the revenue estimates are based. Moreover, the gas tax forecast is based on future actions of the State Legislature.

Most significantly, falling interest rates may pose a serious problem if their impact on the County's investment earnings is not offset by increases in consumer spending that increase sales tax, building permit, and other revenues. The proposed and adopted 1982 Budgets are based on the assumption that interest rates



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on County investments will be in the range of 14 to 13.5% during 1982. Interest rates have already dropped to about 11%. Even if the rates should climb to 12.2%, with no corresponding increases in other revenues, the Current Expense and Limited Bond funds alone will experience a shortfall of about \$1,450,000.

I respectfully urge the Council to adopt a motion endorsing your revisions to the proposed 1982 Budget's revenue estimates that are required to support the adopted 1982 Budget. The Prosecuting Attorney has advised me that such a motion is required by Section 460 of the King County Charter. The motion would also provide a public record of the Council's significant actions in this area.

Other Issues


I will be contacting the other elected King County officials to discuss their concerns about the adopted 1982 Budget and other matters. As a result of these discussions, I may find it necessary to request supplemental appropriations for mandatory expenditures in the judicial agencies.

The fiscal strength of the adopted 1982 Budget will depend on a variety of factors beyond our control. Given the current instability of the economy, I have instructed the Budget Director to develop a proposal for deferring new spending commitments until early in 1982. This proposal may include a freeze on filling new positions and controls on capital outlay and Current Expense funded capital projects. These deferrals will allow time to review the December sales tax payment, estimated holiday sales activity, trends in interest rates, and the actual 1981 Consumer Price Index figures used in calculating the costs of 1982 salaries.

The adopted 1982 Budget includes a variety of provisos. In my opinion, these non-appropriation items are not binding on the Executive as they are contrary to Charter provisions regarding the budget process and interference in the administration of the government. My opinion is consistent with that of former Executive John Spellman. I will, however, make every effort to carry out the intent of your provisos where it is practical and reasonable to do so.

I look forward to working cooperatively with you to review our budgetary concerns. If you have any questions about my concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me personally.

Sincerely,

  
RANDY REVELLE  
King County Executive

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cc: King County Councilmembers  
King County Superior Court Judges  
King County District Court Judges  
King County Prosecuting Attorney  
King County Assessor  
Department Directors  
Agency Managers