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Introduced by: AUDREY GRUDET

Proposed No.: 92-578

ORDINANCE NO. **10523**

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2 AN ORDINANCE removing a proposed
3 amendment to Articles 2 and 6 of the King
4 County Charter concerning the legislative
5 branch and elections from the general
6 election ballot, and repealing Ordinance
7 10212.

8 PREAMBLE:

9 Ordinance 10212, adopted on December 23, 1991,
10 proposed an amendment to the King County Charter to
11 provide for a thirteen member council and
12 intergovernmental committees to review countywide
13 policy plans. The proposal was to be submitted to
14 the voters at the general election on November 3,
15 1992 and the amendment would have been effective only
16 if, in addition to it being approved by the voters of
17 King County, the county assumed the functions of the
18 Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle by judicial
19 order or state legislation in 1992. No such state
20 legislation was passed in 1992. No such judicial
21 order has yet been issued or appears likely to be
22 issued in the immediate future.

23 Hon. William Dwyer, U.S. District Court, Western
24 District of Washington has ordered that effective
25 April 30, 1993 only the members of the King County
26 council and the executive may vote as members of the
27 Metro Council unless through state legislation or
28 voter approval a different governing body is provided
29 for Metro. The order preserves the structure of
30 Metro and does not cause King County to assume the
31 functions of Metro and therefore even if the ballot
32 measure were to be approved by the voters it would
33 not take effect. It would be a useless gesture to
34 submit to the voters the proposed charter amendment
35 when the effect of the contingency clause means that
36 it is extremely unlikely that the charter amendment
37 ever would take effect.

38 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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SECTION 1. Ordinance 10212 is hereby repealed.


INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 27th day
of July, 1992.

PASSED this 24 day of August, 1992.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


ACTING Chair

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 4th day of September, 1992.


King County Executive