



**KING COUNTY**

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**Signature Report**

September 22, 2000

Ordinance 13947

**RECORDS & ELECTIONS  
DIVISION**

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Proposed No. 2000-0555.1

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AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County, at a special election to be held in conjunction with the general election on November 7, 2000, of a proposition authorizing the county to issue its general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$193,130,000 or so much thereof as may be issued under the laws governing the indebtedness of counties, for the purpose of providing funds to pay for seismic and public health and safety improvements for Harborview Medical Center, such submission contingent on the defeat of King County Proposition No. 1 at the September 19, 2000 general election, and declaring an emergency.

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Findings; Authorization of Capital Improvements.

18           A. The county council hereby finds the following facts. The county has made  
19 significant efforts to determine whether existing county facilities comply with seismic  
20 standards and to make improvements to those facilities that do not comply with seismic  
21 standards. Harborview Medical Center, including facilities used by the Medical  
22 Examiner's Office, is among the county's most essential public health and safety  
23 facilities that fail to meet seismic standards.

24           B. Harborview Medical Center is the only designated level one trauma center in a  
25 four-state region providing emergency patient care. Because Harborview plays a key role  
26 in emergency services and disaster planning in King County, the county wishes to  
27 undertake a seismic retrofit of its facilities to achieve the appropriate standards of seismic  
28 stability for such facilities as established by the Federal Emergency Management  
29 Administration and to make related public health and safety improvements to meet the  
30 region's critical health care needs. Because the King County Medical Examiner plays a  
31 key role in investigating and prosecuting violent crimes in King County, the county also  
32 wishes to undertake improvements to the inadequate facilities currently housing the  
33 Medical Examiner's Office.

34           C. The county's plan for seismic and public health and safety improvements to  
35 facilities of Harborview Medical Center is designed to assure uninterrupted trauma care  
36 and other emergency operations. The plan requires the demolition of seismically  
37 unsound buildings, the construction of new buildings to house services displaced from  
38 the demolished buildings, and expansion and renovation of existing facilities to provide  
39 seismic stability for those and adjacent facilities and to provide additional critical health  
40 care capacity. Inpatient and outpatient clinical services and the public health services

41 provided by the county's Medical Examiner's Office are among the services that will be  
42 displaced from the demolished buildings.

43 D. To provide financing for the seismic and health and public safety  
44 improvements for Harborview Medical Center authorized by this ordinance, it is deemed  
45 necessary and advisable that the county issue and sell its unlimited tax general obligation  
46 bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$193,130,000. The constitution and laws  
47 of the State of Washington provide that the question of whether or not the county may  
48 issue such bonds be submitted to the qualified electors of the county for their ratification  
49 or rejection.

50 E. King County Proposition No. 1 was submitted to the qualified electors of King  
51 County at the September 19, 2000 election, but as of the date of enactment of this  
52 ordinance it is unknown whether the measure has been approved or rejected. To enable  
53 the voters to consider this measure at the November 7, 2000 general election it is  
54 necessary to submit an enacted measure to the Superintendent of Elections no later than  
55 September 22, 2000. To meet this legal deadline it is necessary that this measure be  
56 enacted as an emergency ordinance. Submitting to the voters this proposition for  
57 authorization of funding for seismic and health and public safety improvements to  
58 Harborview Medical Center at the soonest possible election date is necessary for the  
59 immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or for the support of county  
60 government and its existing public institutions.

61 F. The Council further finds that Harborview Medical Center is a "public health  
62 and safety facility" as such term is defined in RCW 36.89.010, and finds further that the  
63 essential public health and safety services provided by this facility are of general benefit

64 to all of the residents of King County. To minimize disruptions in the public health and  
65 safety services provided by Harborview Medical Center, the county council therefore  
66 further finds that the best interests of all of the residents of the county require the county  
67 to undertake seismic and related health and public safety improvements to Harborview,  
68 as further described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this  
69 reference (collectively, the “Improvements”).

70 G. In accordance with RCW 36.89.040, the county council hereby finds and  
71 declares that the proposition authorized to be submitted to the voters by this ordinance  
72 and the Improvements authorized thereby and described in this ordinance have for their  
73 object the furtherance and accomplishment of a system of public health and safety  
74 facilities for the benefit of all the residents of King County and constitute a single  
75 purpose.

76 H. The cost of all necessary design, engineering and other consulting services,  
77 inspection and testing, administrative expenses, permitting and mitigation costs, and  
78 other costs incurred in connection with the Improvements shall be deemed a part of the  
79 costs of such Improvements.

80 I. The total estimated cost of the Improvements, including the cost of issuing and  
81 selling the bonds provided in this ordinance, is declared to be, as nearly as may be  
82 determined, the amount of \$193,130,000.

83 J. The exact specifications for projects included in the Improvements shall be  
84 determined by the county council or its designated agency. If construction of any or all  
85 of the Improvements is managed by an agency designated by the county council, such  
86 designation shall be made by agreement approved the county council before any bond

87 proceeds are disbursed to such agency for such Improvements. If additional  
88 unanticipated funds from other sources are secured for the Improvements, those funds  
89 will be used for the Improvements. If the county council shall determine that it has  
90 become impractical to acquire, construct or equip any portion of the Improvements by  
91 reason of changed conditions, or costs substantially in excess of the amount of bond  
92 proceeds or other funds estimated to be available, the county shall not be required to  
93 acquire, construct or equip such portions. If all of the Improvements shall have been  
94 accomplished or duly provided for, or found to be impractical, the county may apply the  
95 bond proceeds or any portion thereof to the payment of principal of and interest on the  
96 Bonds or to other capital improvements, as the council, by ordinance and in its discretion,  
97 shall determine.

98         SECTION 2. Authorization of Bonds. For the purpose of providing part of the  
99 funds necessary to pay costs of the Improvements, the county shall issue and sell its  
100 general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed  
101 \$193,130,000. Such bonds shall be issued in an amount not exceeding the amount  
102 approved by the qualified electors of the county or exceeding the amount permitted by  
103 the constitution and laws of the State of Washington. The balance, if any, of the cost of  
104 the Improvements shall be paid out of any money that the county now has or may later  
105 have on hand that is legally available for such purpose.

106         The bonds to be issued shall be issued in such amounts and at such time or times  
107 as found necessary and advisable by the county council. The bonds may be issued in one  
108 or more series and shall bear interest payable at a rate or rates not to exceed the  
109 maximum rate permitted by law at the time the bonds are sold, and shall mature in such

110 amounts and at such times within a maximum term of 20 years from date of issue, but  
111 may mature at an earlier date or dates as authorized by the county council and as  
112 provided by law. The exact date, form, terms, options of redemption, maturities and  
113 conditions of sale of the bonds shall be as hereafter fixed by ordinance of the county  
114 council passed for such purpose. The bonds shall be general obligations of the county  
115 and, unless paid from other sources, both principal of and interest on the bonds shall be  
116 payable out of annual tax levies to be made upon all the taxable property within the  
117 county without limitation as to rate or amount. After voter approval of the bond  
118 proposition and in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, the county may issue short  
119 term obligations as authorized by Chapter 39.50 RCW.

120         SECTION 3. Bond Election. It is hereby found and declared that an emergency  
121 exists requiring the submission to the qualified electors of the county of a proposition  
122 authorizing the county to issue bonds for the purposes set forth in this ordinance at a  
123 special election to be held in conjunction with the general election on November 7, 2000.  
124 The King County Department of Records and Elections, as ex officio supervisor of  
125 elections, is hereby requested to find the existence of such emergency and to assume  
126 jurisdiction of and to call and conduct said special election to be held within the county  
127 and to submit to the qualified electors of the county the proposition hereinafter set forth.

128 The clerk of the council is hereby authorized and directed, not less than 45 days  
129 prior to November 7, 2000, to certify the following proposition to the King County  
130 Department of Records and Elections in the following form:

131 KING COUNTY

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133 PROPOSITION NO. \_\_\_

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135 HARBORVIEW MEDICAL CENTER

136 SEISMIC AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

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138 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$193,130,000

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140 "The Metropolitan King County Council has passed Ordinance 13947  
141 concerning this proposition to issue Harborview Medical Center  
142 improvement bonds. This proposition would authorize King County to  
143 make seismic, health and public safety improvements at Harborview  
144 Medical Center, including demolition of unsound buildings, construction  
145 of new buildings and renovation and upgrading of existing facilities, issue  
146 \$193,130,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of  
147 20 years to pay for such improvements, and levy property taxes annually  
148 in excess of regular property tax levies to repay such bonds, all as  
149 provided in Ordinance 13947 . Should this proposition be:

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151 Approved

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153 Rejected”

154 The polls for such special election shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

155 The clerk of the council is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a certified  
156 copy of this ordinance to the King County Department of Records and Elections.

157 SECTION 4. Severability. In the event any one or more of the provisions of this  
158 ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or  
159 invalidate any other provision of this ordinance or the bonds, but this ordinance and the  
160 bonds shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provision had not been contained  
161 herein; provided, that any provision which shall for any reason be held to be invalid shall  
162 be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted by law.

163 SECTION 5. Emergency. For the reasons set forth in Section 1 of this ordinance,  
164 the council finds as a fact and declares that an emergency exists and that the enactment of  
165 this ordinance as an emergency ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of  
166 public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing  
167 public institutions.

168 SECTION 6. Contingent effectiveness of ordinance. In the event that  
169 King County Proposition No. 1 is certified as having been approved by the voters  
170 at the September 19, 2000 special election, the provisions of this ordinance shall  
171 have no force and effect and the ballot measure contained in this ordinance shall  
172 not be placed on the November 7, 2000 election ballot.

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Yes: 9 - Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Miller, Ms. Fimia, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Pelz, Ms. Sullivan, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Vance and Mr. Irons

No: 1 - Mr. Pullen

Excused: 3 - Mr. McKenna, Mr. Nickels and Ms. Hague

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Pete von Reichbauer, Chair

ATTEST:

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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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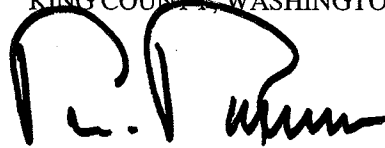
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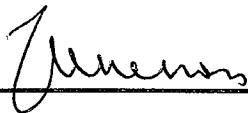
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## EXHIBIT A

### Seismic and Health and Public Safety Improvements For Harborview Medical Center

- Demolition of seismically unsound buildings
- Construction of new buildings to house services displaced from the demolished buildings, including inpatient and outpatient clinical services and the Medical Examiner's Office
- Renovation, retrofitting and expansion of existing buildings to increase seismic stability, upgrade mechanical, electrical, telecommunications and other building systems, and to increase critical health care capacity
- Street improvements, landscaping, and mitigation required in connection with the above improvements