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430.30. Districting.

The boundaries of county commissioner districts shall be reviewed by the board of county commissioners in 1971 and at least every five years thereafter. Consideration shall be given to geographic and economic units, municipal and election precinct boundaries and all available data and sources of information indicating the nature and location of the population of the county. The boundaries of county commissioner districts shall be retained or redrawn to produce districts approximately equal in population and composed of natural geographic units. The territory of each district shall be compact and contiguous; and its boundaries shall follow, as nearly as practical, the boundaries of established census tracts.

District boundaries shall be retained or redrawn by an ordinance enacted by a majority of the board of county commissioners, and a districting ordinance shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive. If the size, shape and population of each district complies with the requirements of this charter, the board of county commissioners may enact an ordinance to retain the district without change.

430.30.10. Districting Committee.

If the board of county commissioners does not adopt a districting ordinance during the first four months of any year in which this charter requires it to review the district boundaries, the county executive shall appoint within thirty days a districting

Committee of at least five members subject to confirmation by a majority of the board of county commissioners which shall provide for their compensation. No more than a simple majority of the committee shall be affiliated with the same political party. Subject to confirmation by a majority of the board of county commissioners, the committee may retain professional assistance. The committee shall present a districting plan to the board of county commissioners within four months after the committee has been appointed and confirmed. The board of county commissioners may either accept, modify or reject the districting plan. If it is rejected, the committee may, but shall not be required to, present an alternate plan. If the districting plan is neither accepted, modified nor rejected within sixty days after it is presented to the board of county commissioners by the redistricting committee, it shall become effective on the sixty first day after its presentation as if it had been enacted by ordinance.

430.30.20. Failure to Enact a Districting Ordinance.

If the board of county commissioners fails to enact a districting ordinance during the year in which this charter requires it to review district boundaries, the compensation of the county commissioners shall be suspended from the first day of January of the next year until a districting ordinance is enacted. As soon as a districting ordinance is enacted, the suspended compensation shall be paid without interest to the county commissioners who would have received it but the suspension.

Alternate Provision
on Redistricting

430.30. Redistricting.

430.30.10. Redistricting Committee.

The boundaries of the county commissioner districts shall be reviewed in 1971 and at least every five years thereafter by a committee of at least five members who shall be appointed by the chief executive subject to confirmation by a majority of the board of county commissioners which shall provide for their compensation. No more than a simple majority of the committee shall be affiliated with the same political party.

430.30.20. District Boundaries.

The districting committee shall be appointed and confirmed within thirty days after the first of the year in which the county commissioner district boundaries are required to be reviewed by this charter, and within four months after its appointment and confirmation it shall present a districting plan to the board of county commissioners.

The committee in reviewing district boundaries shall consider geographic and economic units, municipal and election precinct boundaries and shall use all available data and sources of information indicating the nature and location of the population of the county. It shall propose districts which are approximately equal in population, and composed of natural geographic units. The territory of each district shall be compact and contiguous, and its boundaries shall follow, as nearly as practical, the boundaries of established census tracts. The committee, subject to confirmation by a majority of the board of county commissioners, may retain professional assistance.

430.30.30. Consideration by Board of County Commissioners.

The board of county commissioners may either accept, modify or reject the districting plan. If it is rejected, the committee may, but shall not be required to, present an alternate plan. If the districting plan is neither accepted, modified nor rejected within sixty days after it is presented to the board of county commissioners by the districting committee, it shall become effective on the sixty first day after its presentation as if it had been enacted by ordinance.

District boundaries shall be retained or changed by an ordinance enacted by a majority of the board of county commissioners. A districting ordinance shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive. If the size, shape and population of each district complies with the requirements of this charter, the board of county commissioners may enact an ordinance to retain the district boundaries without change.

430.30.40. Failure to Enact a Districting Ordinance.

If the board of county commissioners fails to enact a districting ordinance during the year in which this charter requires it to review district boundaries, the compensation of the county commissioners shall be suspended from the first day of January of the next year until a districting ordinance is enacted. As soon as a districting ordinance is enacted, the suspended compensation shall be paid without interest to the county commissioners who would have received it but for the suspension.

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Dear Freeholders:

Enclosed is the latest proposed draft of the charter. This draft incorporates all of the changes included in the substitute pages to the first draft as well as other language changes and all of the changes which have been approved by the freeholders at the deliberative sessions. However, the changes in the competitive bidding provision have not yet been included.

We have also enclosed a new redistricting provision which has alternate subsections 430.30.30. The first alternate provides for a redistricting committee to be appointed and to present its proposal to the board of county commissioners which can then either accept, amend or reject the proposal. The second alternate allows the board of county commissioners to enact a redistricting ordinance during the first four months of the year and then provides for the appointment of a committee if the board has not acted. Presumably, a variation of one of these provisions will be approved at the next deliberative session and will be included in the draft which is circulated prior to the public hearings.


The last deliberative session raised the question of what would happen if the department of public safety failed to call an inquest to investigate any death involving an employee of that department. One statute indicates that the University of Washington will provide toxicological services as requested by the county prosecutor. However, the statutes do not require either the coroner or the prosecutor or any other officer to conduct an inquest or an investigation concerning any death. Therefore, since there was general concern that there might be a conflict of interest on the part of the department of public safety in conducting an inquest to investigate a death concerning one of its own employees, I have included a mandatory provision in section 350.20.20 requiring it

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to do so. An alternate provision would be to grant the county executive the right to convene such an inquest.

It is presumed that this draft will be essentially the same as the draft which will be printed and circulated to the public prior to the public hearings. Therefore, it is requested that each freeholder carefully examine its language to make sure that we have not inadvertently misconstrued the decisions which the freeholders have made to date.

Sincerely yours,


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Enclosures

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PROPOSED DRAFT

KING COUNTY CHARTER

June 27, 1968

PREAMBLE

We, the people of King County, Washington, in order to obtain the benefits and responsibilities of home rule and self-government in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Washington and to create an efficient form of county government which will serve our present and future needs do adopt this charter.

ARTICLE 1

POWERS OF THE COUNTY

Section 110. General Powers.

The county shall have all of the powers which it is possible for a home rule county to have under the state constitution.

Section 120. Construction.

The powers of the county granted by this charter shall be liberally construed, and the specific statement of particular powers shall not be construed as limiting the general powers. Reference to the state constitution and general law in this charter shall be construed as a continuing reference to them as they may be amended from time to time. This charter and the ordinances enacted hereunder shall supersede special and general laws which are inconsistent with the charter and ordinances to the extent permitted by the state constitution.

Section 130. Name, Boundaries and County Seat.

The name, boundaries and county seat of the county shall

remain as they are on the date of the enactment of this charter until changed.

ARTICLE 2

THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 210. Composition.

The legislative branch shall be composed of the board of county commissioners.

Section 220. The Board of County Commissioners.

220.10. Composition and Terms of Office.

The board of county commissioners shall consist of nine members. The county shall be divided into nine districts, and one commissioner shall be nominated and elected by the voters of each district. The term of office of each county commissioner shall be four years and until his successor is elected and qualified.

220.20. Powers.

The board of county commissioners shall be the policy determining body of the county and shall have all legislative powers of the county under this charter. The board of county commissioners shall exercise its legislative power by the adoption and enactment of ordinances; shall levy taxes, appropriate revenue and adopt budgets for the county; shall establish the compensation to be paid to all county officers and employees and shall provide for the reimbursement of expenses; shall have the power to conduct public hearings on matters of public concern to assist it in performing its legislative responsibilities and to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of records and other evidence; and shall have the

power to establish, abolish, combine and divide administrative offices and executive departments and to prescribe their duties.

220.30. Organization.

The board of county commissioners shall be responsible for its own organization and for the employment and supervision of those employees which it deems necessary to assist it or individual county commissioners in the exercise of their legislative powers and shall appoint a clerk to maintain its records and to supervise its staff.

220.40. Rules of Procedure.

The board of county commissioners shall adopt by ordinance rules of procedure governing the time, place and conduct of its meetings and hearings and the introduction, publication, consideration and adoption of ordinances to guarantee ample opportunity for the people to be heard and adequate consideration by the board of county commissioners. All meetings shall be open to the public, and a verbatim public record shall be kept of each meeting and the votes taken therein.

220.50. Relationship With Other Branches.

The board of county commissioners and the individual commissioners shall not, except through the enactment of ordinances, issue orders to any officer, agent or employee of any other branch of the county government.

Section 230. Ordinances.

230.10. Introduction and Adoption.

Proposed ordinances shall be limited to one subject and may be introduced by any county commissioner, by the county executive

or by initiative petitions. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, a minimum of five votes shall be required to adopt an ordinance.

230.20. Executive Veto.

Except as otherwise provided by this charter, the county executive shall have the right to veto any ordinance. Every ordinance shall be presented to the county executive within five days after its adoption or enactment by the board of county commissioners. Within ten days after its presentation, the county executive shall either sign the ordinance and return it to the board of county commissioners or veto the ordinance and return it to the board of county commissioners with a written and signed statement of the reasons for his veto. If an ordinance is not returned by the county executive within ten days after its presentation, it shall be deemed enacted without his signature. Within thirty days after an ordinance has been vetoed and returned, the board of county commissioners may override the veto by enacting the ordinance by a minimum of six votes.

230.30. Effective Date of Ordinances.

The effective date of an ordinance, except an emergency ordinance, shall be forty five days after its enactment unless a later date is specified in the ordinance.

An ordinance which is not vetoed shall be deemed enacted on the date that it is approved by, or ten days after it is presented to, the county executive. An ordinance which is vetoed shall be deemed enacted on the date that the board of county commissioners overrides the veto. An ordinance which has been submitted to the voters by

referendum or initiative shall be deemed enacted when it is approved by the voters. An ordinance which is not subject to the veto power of the county executive shall be deemed enacted on the date it is approved by the board of county commissioners.

230.40. Emergency Ordinances.

Any proposed ordinance may be enacted as an emergency ordinance if the board of county commissioners finds as a fact, and states in the ordinance, that an emergency exists and that the ordinance is necessary for the preservation of public peace, health or safety. A minimum of seven votes shall be required to enact an emergency ordinance, and it shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive and shall be effective on the date of its enactment unless a later date is specified in the ordinance.

Section 240. Referendum and Initiative.

240.10. Referendum.

Enacted ordinances except as provided herein may be subjected to a referendum by the voters of the county by filing with the board of county commissioners prior to the effective date of the ordinance petitions bearing signatures of registered voters of the county equal in number to not less than ten percent of the votes cast in the county for the office of county executive at the last preceding election for county executive. Each petition shall contain the full text of the ordinance to be referred. The ordinance subject to referendum shall not become effective until it is approved by the voters. The ordinance to be referred shall be placed on the ballot at the next special or general election occurring more than forty five days after the petitions

are filed. If approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue, the ordinance shall become effective forty five days after the date of the election.

An emergency ordinance, an ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions, or an ordinance which has been approved by the voters by referendum or initiative shall not be subject to a referendum.

240.20. Initiative.

Ordinances may be proposed by filing with the board of county commissioners petitions bearing signatures of registered voters of the county equal in number to not less than ten percent of the votes cast in the county for the office of county executive at the last preceding election for county executive. Each petition shall contain the full text of the proposed ordinance.

The board of county commissioners shall consider the proposed ordinance. If the proposed ordinance is not enacted as provided in Section 230 within ninety days after the petitions are presented, it shall be placed on the ballot at the next regular or special election occurring more than one hundred and thirty five days after the petitions were presented or at an earlier election designated by the board of county commissioners. However, if the proposed ordinance is enacted at any time prior to the election, it shall not be placed on the ballot or be voted on unless it is subjected to referendum. If the board of county commissioners rejects the proposed ordinance and adopts a substitute or amended ordinance concerning the same

subject matter, the substitute or amended ordinance shall be placed on the same ballot with the proposed ordinance; and the voters shall be given the choice of adopting one of the ordinances and rejecting the other or of rejecting both ordinances.

If it is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue, the ordinance shall become effective forty five days after the date of the election.

240.30. Referendum and Initiative Petitions.

Time requirement → All referendum and initiative petitions shall be sponsored by an individual or committee of individuals which shall secure the approval of the clerk of the board of county commissioners as to the form of the proposed petitions before circulating them. At any time more than forty five days prior to a referendum or initiative election, the sponsor or a majority of the sponsoring committee may withdraw the petitions by filing with the clerk of the board of county commissioners a signed statement asking that the referendum or initiative petitions be withdrawn setting forth the reasons for the withdrawal. The filing of such a request shall cause the petitions to be of no force and effect, and the referendum or initiative election shall be canceled.

Section 250. County Auditor.

The county auditor shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners and shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, an annual audit of the operation of county government; shall consult with the office of budgets and accounts concerning the accounting procedures to be used by the executive branch; shall make any limited and periodic audits which he deems necessary; and shall perform any other duties assigned to him by the board of county commissioners.

ARTICLE 3

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 310. Composition and Powers.

The executive branch shall be composed of the county executive, the county administrative officer, the county assessor, the officers and employees of administrative offices and executive departments established by this charter or created by the board of county commissioners and the members of boards and commissions except: the board of county commissioners, the board of appeals and the personnel board. The executive branch shall have all executive powers of the county under this charter.

Section 320. County Executive.

320.10. Election, Term of Office and Compensation.

The county executive shall be nominated and elected by the voters of the county, and his term of office shall be four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. The county executive shall receive compensation at least one and one half times the compensation paid to a county commissioner.

320.20. Powers and Duties.

The county executive shall be the chief executive officer of the county and shall have all executive power of the county which is not expressly vested in other specific officers by this charter; shall supervise all administrative offices and executive departments established by this charter or created by the board of county commissioners; shall be the chief peace officer of the county and shall execute and enforce all ordinances and state statutes within the county;

shall serve on all boards and commissions on which a county commissioner was required to serve prior to the adoption of this charter, and if more than one county commissioner was required to serve, shall appoint a county commissioner or county commissioners to serve on the board or commission with him; shall present to the board of county commissioners an annual statement of the financial and governmental affairs of the county and any other report which he may deem necessary, including proposed ordinances; shall prepare and present to the board of county commissioners performance and line item budgets and budget messages setting forth the programs which he proposes for the county during the next fiscal year; shall prepare and present to the board of county commissioners comprehensive plans including capital improvement plans for the present and future development of the county; shall have the power to veto any ordinance adopted by the board of county commissioners except as otherwise provided by this charter; shall have the power to assign duties to administrative offices and executive departments which are not specifically assigned by this charter or by ordinance; shall sign, or cause to be signed, on behalf of the county all deeds, contracts and other instruments; and shall have the right, subject to approval by a majority of the board of county commissioners, to arrange for one or more functions of the county to be performed by an independent contractor or to be performed in cooperation with, or by, other units of government and to arrange for one or more functions of other units of government to be performed by the county.

Section 330. County Administrative Officer.

The county executive shall appoint the county administrative

officer who, under the general supervision of the county executive, shall assist him, shall supervise the administrative offices and shall perform such other duties as are delegated to him by the county executive.

Section 340. Appointments, Confirmation and Removal.

340.10. Appointments by the County Executive.

The county executive shall appoint the county administrative officer, the chief officer of each executive department except the county assessor and the members of all boards and commissions.

340.20. Appointments by the County Administrative Officer.

The county administrative officer shall appoint the chief officer of each administrative office.

340.30. Appointments by the Chief Officers.

The chief officer of each administrative office and executive department shall appoint all officers and employees of his office or department.

340.40. Confirmation.

The appointments by the county executive shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the board of county commissioners. The appointments by the county administrative officer shall be subject to approval by the county executive.

340.50. Qualifications.

The county administrative officer and the chief officers appointed by either the county executive or the county administrative officer shall have had prior administrative experience in either private or public organizations and shall be appointed on the basis of their abilities, qualifications, integrity and prior experience.

340.60. Removal.

Any officer, board or commission member, or employee who is not subject to the provisions of the personnel system may be removed at any time by the person who appointed him except that the members of the personnel board and the board of appeals can be removed only by a majority or by the board of county commissioners as provided in Articles 5 and 6.

Section 350. Executive Offices and Departments.

The executive branch shall include the following administrative offices and executive departments:

350.10. Administrative Offices:

350.10.10. Office of Budgets and Accounts.

The office of budgets and accounts shall prepare a proposed annual budget for the county, shall prescribe the accounting procedures to be used by the county and shall check all disbursement requests to determine that funds have been appropriated and are available and that the requested disbursements are in accordance with the terms of the contract or appropriation ordinance under which the disbursement is to be made.

350.10.20. Office of Personnel.

The office of personnel shall have the responsibilities established by Article 5 and shall perform any other duties assigned to it by the chief administrative officer.

350.10.30. Office of Data Processing.

The office of data processing shall establish and maintain a modern system for processing information in accordance with the needs of county government and shall provide data processing services

for all branches of county government.

350.10.40. Office of County Property.

The office of county property shall assign the use of all real and personal property owned or leased by the county, shall maintain all property unless its maintenance is otherwise assigned by this charter, by ordinance or by the county executive and shall negotiate the lease or sale of county property.

350.10.50. Office of Purchasing.

The office of purchasing shall purchase, or shall establish the rules and procedure for purchasing by others, all real and personal property acquired by the county and shall use competitive bidding whenever practical.

350.20. Executive Departments.

350.20.10. Department of Public Works, Utilities and Transportation.

The department of public works, utilities and transportation shall administer the construction and maintenance of the county road system and related facilities and shall be responsible for flood control, garbage disposal and other public works and utilities.

350.20.20. Department of Public Safety.

The department of public safety shall enforce law and order, shall administer the county jail, shall investigate deaths and shall be responsible for civil defense. An inquest shall be held to investigate the causes and circumstances of any death involving a member of the department of public safety.

350.20.30. Department of Public Health and Welfare.

The department of public health and welfare shall administer

all health and welfare programs under the control of the county including all medical services necessary to assist the department of public safety.

350.20.40. Department of Records and Elections.

The department of records and elections shall record, file and register all documents presented to it which by general law may be recorded, filed or registered to provide constructive legal notice, and all other documents specified by ordinance and shall maintain the county archives to store all county records which should not be destroyed and which are not necessary for the current operation of county government, shall be responsible for the registration of voters in unincorporated areas of the county and shall conduct all special and general elections held in the county.

350.20.50. Department of Finance.

The department of finance shall collect and invest all county revenue and shall make all disbursements approved by the office of budgets and accounts.

350.20.60. Department of Parks and Community Services.

The department of parks and community services shall operate and develop all county parks and other recreational facilities and programs and shall be responsible for open space development and other community services.

350.20.70. Department of Planning.

The department of planning in cooperation with all agencies of county government shall prepare and propose comprehensive plans, including capital improvement plans, for the present and future development of the county. The department of planning shall receive and

consider all zoning applications. Its decision concerning applications for zoning variances and conditional use permits shall be final unless appealed to the board of appeals, and it shall make recommendations to the board of county commissioners on all applications for rezoning or original zoning. All capital improvement projects shall be submitted to the department of planning before they are submitted to the board of county commissioners.

350.20.75. Department of Buildings.

The department of buildings shall be responsible for the issuance of building permits and shall administer and enforce building codes, fire regulations and other codes and regulations assigned to it.

350.20.80. Department of Assessments.

The department of assessments shall be administered by the county assessor who shall be elected by the voters of the county, and his term of office shall be four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. The county assessor shall determine the assessed value of all taxable property within the county in accordance with the state constitution and general law. The department of assessments shall be an executive department subject to the personnel system and shall utilize the services of the administrative offices and the executive departments, but it shall not be abolished or combined with any other executive department or administrative office and shall not have its duties decreased by the board of county commissioners.

350.20.90. Department of Judicial Administration.

The department of judicial administration shall be administered by the superior court clerk who shall be appointed by the county ex-

ecutive from a list of three or more nominees submitted by a majority of the superior court judges in the county. The department of judicial administration shall maintain the official court files, records and indexes necessary for the efficient administration of justice and the court system and shall perform such other duties assigned to it by a majority of the superior court judges in the county.

ARTICLE 4

ELECTIONS

Section 410. Qualifications.

Each county officer holding an elective office shall be, at the time of his appointment or election and at all times while he holds office, 21 years of age, a citizen of the United States and a resident and registered voter of King County; and each county commissioner shall be a resident of the district which he represents. Any change in the boundaries of a county commissioner's district which shall cause a county commissioner to be no longer a resident of the district which he represents shall not disqualify him from holding office during the remainder of the term for which he was elected or appointed.

Section 420. County Executive and County Assessor.

The nomination and election of the county executive and county assessor shall be held every four years as a county general election at the same time as the general election for cities in the county commencing with the election of 1971. The nominating primaries and elections shall be conducted in accordance with the general law governing the election of partisan county officers.

Section 430. County Commissioners.

430.10. Districts.

The county shall be divided into nine districts numbered one through nine.

430.20. Nomination and Election.

The nomination and election of county commissioners shall be held every four years as a county general election at the same time as the general election for cities in the county commencing in even numbered district with the election of 1971 and in odd numbered districts with the election of 1973. The nominating primaries and elections shall be conducted in accordance with the general law governing the election of partisan county officers.

430.30. Redistricting.

Section 440. Commencement of Terms of Office.

The terms of office of elected county officers shall commence on the date specified by general law for public officers elected at city general elections.

Section 450. Recall.

The holder of any elective office may be recalled in accordance with the provisions of general law.

Section 460. Vacancies.

460.10. When Vacant.

An elective county office shall become vacant upon the incumbent's death; resignation; recall; conviction of a felony, crime involving moral turpitude, unlawful destruction of court records,

or other crime pertinent to his office; declaration of incompetency by a court of competent jurisdiction; absence from the county for a period of more than thirty days without the permission of a majority of the board of county commissioners; or failure to fulfill or continue to fulfill the qualifications for office.

460.20. Appointment or Special Election.

Vacancies in an elective office shall be filled by a majority of the board of county commissioners or, in the event of a vacancy in the office of county commissioner, by a majority of the remaining county commissioners. Appointments shall be only for the unexpired portion of the term of the officer whose office has become vacant. The board of county commissioners may make a temporary appointment to fill a vacated office and schedule a special election to fill the vacated elective office.

ARTICLE 5

THE PERSONNEL SYSTEM

Section 510. Purpose.

The purpose of the personnel system shall be to establish and maintain a personnel administration which will result in a dedicated and efficient body of employees to serve the people and government of the county.

Section 520. The Office of Personnel.

The chief officer of the office of personnel shall be appointed by the county administrative officer. The office of personnel shall be responsible for recruiting prospective employees for the positions covered by the personnel system; presenting proposed personnel rules

to the personnel board for its consideration, recommending to the officers of the county who have the power to appoint and promote employees to positions covered by the personnel system those individuals best qualified to fill the positions as determined in accordance with the personnel rules; assigning each position covered by the personnel system to a grade classification in accordance with the personnel rules; making periodic wage surveys to determine the level of compensation being paid to private and other public employees for the types of work being performed by county employees covered by the personnel system; investigating grievances by county employees covered by the personnel system; and reporting to the personnel board and the county executive the results of its wage surveys and grievance investigations and concerning any other matter which it deems relevant to the personnel system.

Section 530. The Personnel Board.

530.10. Composition, Appointment and Removal.

The personnel board shall be composed of three members who shall be appointed by the county executive subject to confirmation by a majority of the county commissioners. A personnel board member shall serve a six year term and until his successor is appointed, with one member being appointed every two years. A majority of the board of county commissioners, but not the county executive, may remove a personnel board member for just cause after written charges have been served on the personnel board member and a public hearing has been held by the board of county commissioners. The board of county commissioners shall provide for the compensation of the personnel board members on a per diem basis.

530.20. Rules.

The personnel board shall adopt proposed personnel rules consistent with the purposes and provisions of this article including but not limited to rules concerning the appointment and promotion of applicants to positions covered by the personnel system which shall fairly measure the relative fitness of applicants to discharge the duties of the positions which they seek; rules concerning the training of applicants and employees through apprenticeship programs; rules concerning vacations and sick leaves with pay, leaves of absence without pay, and reemployment preferences after temporary suspensions due to lack of work or funds; rules concerning classification of all positions into those which are covered by the personnel system and those which are exempt and into grade classifications on the basis of the duties and level of responsibility of each position; rules permitting reinstatement of an employee who has been appointed to a position which is not covered by the personnel system to his former or a similar position on the expiration of his appointment; rules concerning disciplinary action which shall assure that every demotion, suspension and removal is for just cause; rules concerning appeals which an employee in a position covered by the personnel system may take to the personnel board concerning the application of the personnel rules by the personnel director or any other officer of the county and rules concerning any other area designated by ordinance.

A proposed personnel rule adopted by the personnel board shall be presented to the board of county commissioners. A proposed personnel rule adopted by the personnel board shall not be effective

until it is approved by the board of county commissioners by ordinances. The board of county commissioners cannot amend a personnel rule either before or after it is approved, provided, however, that the board of county commissioners by a minimum of seven votes may add a position to, or delete it from, the personnel system. If a new type of position is created which is not similar to an existing position which is covered by the personnel system, it shall be treated as exempt until such time as it is added to the positions covered by the personnel system by ordinance. If a proposed rule is neither adopted nor rejected by the board of county commissioners within sixty days after it is presented to the board of county commissioners, it shall become effective on the sixty first day after it is presented to the board of county commissioners as if it had been adopted by ordinance.

Section 540. Rule Proposal.

The office of personnel, the county executive, a county commissioner, any organization representing county employees, or any other interested organization or county resident may present proposed personnel rules to the personnel board. The personnel board shall not adopt a personnel rule until after a public hearing has been held after adequate publication of the proposed rule.

Section 550. Appeals.

Any employee in a position covered by the personnel system may appeal to the personnel board from any action by the personnel director or any other officer concerning the application of the personnel rules. The personnel board shall hold a hearing to ascertain the facts and

shall issue such order as it deems proper including an order restoring an employee to the position from which he was demoted, suspended or removed with or without loss of benefits and pay. The decision of the personnel board shall be final unless it is reviewed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 560. Agreements with Other Personnel Agencies.

The personnel board except in its capacity as a board of appeals or the office of personnel may enter into agreements with other governmental personnel agencies concerning the performance of their duties and may enter into contracts with persons or organizations having special qualifications and experience in public personnel administration.

Section 570. Political Activities.

A county employee employed in a position covered by the personnel system shall not engage in any political activity on behalf of, and shall not pay or be asked to pay any assessment or contribution which will benefit directly or indirectly, anyone occupying or seeking appointment, nomination or election to any elective county office.

ARTICLE 6

BOARD OF APPEALS

Section 610. Composition, Appointment, Removal.

The board of appeals shall be composed of seven members appointed by the county executive subject to confirmation by a majority of the board of county commissioners. Each member of the board of appeals shall serve a seven year term and until his successor is appointed with one member being appointed each year. A majority

of the board of county commissioners, but not the county executive, may remove a board of appeals member for just cause after written charges have been served on the board of appeals member and a public hearing has been held by the board of county commissioners. The board of county commissioners shall provide for the compensation of the board of appeals members on a per diem basis.

Section 620. Powers.

The board of appeals shall hear and decide all appeals from the granting or rejecting of an application for a zoning variance or conditional use permit by the department of planning and from any valuation by the department of the county assessor. The board of county commissioners may by ordinance provide for an appeal to the board of appeals from any other order by an executive office or department. The decisions of the board of appeals shall be final unless reviewed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 630. Rules of Practice and Procedure.

The board of appeals shall prepare, publish and amend rules of practice and procedure establishing the method for appealing to the board; specifying the types of evidence which will be considered by the board in reaching its decisions; guaranteeing the right for all parties to examine and cross-examine all witnesses; providing for the procedure to be followed in the conduct of its hearings, for written transcripts to be kept of all testimony and argument, and for copies to be furnished to any interested party at cost upon request; providing for the issuance of its orders and its reasons therefor in writing; and for a permanent and properly indexed record to be kept of its decisions.

ARTICLE 7

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 700. Amendments to the Charter.

The board of county commissioners may propose amendments to this charter by enacting an ordinance to submit a proposed amendment to the voters of the county at the next general election occurring more than forty five days after the enactment of the ordinance. An ordinance proposing an amendment to the charter shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive. Publication of a proposed amendment and notice of its submission to the voters of the county shall be made in accordance with the state constitution and general law. The proposed amendment shall become effective forty five days after it is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue.

Section 710. Severability and Construction.

The provisions of this charter are severable; and, if any provision should be declared to be unconstitutional or inapplicable, it shall not affect the constitutionality or applicability of any other provision of this charter. The provisions of this charter shall be liberally construed to provide for the efficient and businesslike management of county affairs.

Section 720. Conflict of Interest.

720.10. Prohibitions.

An officer or employee of the county shall not receive or have, directly or indirectly, any financial interest in any sale to or by the county of any services or property, except in his official capacity as a representative of the county, and shall not receive or

accept, directly or indirectly, any service or thing of value from any person, firm, or corporation having dealings with the county on more favorable terms than those granted to the public generally or accept any gift from any person, firm, or corporation having dealings with the county.

720.20. Exceptions.

The board of county commissioners may adopt ordinances providing for individual exceptions to the prohibitions by specifically authorizing a county officer or employee to own stock in certain corporations and to establish or maintain a financial interest in certain businesses dealing with the county on condition that full disclosure be made to the board of county commissioners and that the board of county commissioners finds that the stock ownership or financial interest does not violate the public interest.

720.30. Penalties.

The board of county commissioners shall adopt an ordinance specifying the civil and criminal penalties for the willful or negligent violation of the prohibitions by any county officer or employee and shall also adopt an ordinance establishing civil and criminal penalties for any person, firm or corporation doing business with the county which offers, pays, refunds, or rebates any part of any fee, commission or other form of compensation to any county officer or employee except in his official capacity as a representative of the county.

Section 730. Public Inspection of Public Records.

All official acts and documents except those which have been specifically prepared for use by the county in court proceedings,

criminal and law enforcement files of the department of public safety and those which would invade a person's right of privacy shall be open for public inspection; and the officer, department, agency, board or commission having custody and control of public records shall upon request supply certified copies of the records requested for a reasonable fee as established by ordinance.

Section 740. Anti-discrimination.

There shall be no discrimination in employment or compensation of county officers or employees on account of age except by retirement provisions, sex, race, color, national origin or religious affiliation; and the county shall not enter into any contract with any person, firm or corporation which discriminates on the basis of age except by retirement provisions, sex, race, color, national origin or religious affiliation.

Section 750. Delegation of Authority.

Any power or duty of a county officer except the veto power of the county executive may be delegated by that officer to another officer or employee under his control and supervision; provided, however, that the delegating officer shall continue to be responsible for the exercise of the power or the performance of the duty delegated. The board of county commissioners shall not delegate its legislative power except to the extent that it delegates to a county officer the authority to promulgate regulations in accordance with adequate standards established by the board of county commissioners.

Section 760. Inapplicable References in the Constitution or General Law.

Whenever a general law which has not been superseded by this

charter or the ordinances enacted hereunder, or the state constitution, refers to an agency or officer of county government, it shall be deemed to refer to the agency or officer designated by the board of county commissioners or in the absence of such a designation to the agency or officer designated by the county executive.

Section 770. Additional Compensation.

Any county officer or employee who is compensated by salary shall not receive any additional compensation for serving on any board or commission or in any other position established by or pursuant to this charter.

Section 780. Compilation and Codification of Ordinances.

Within two years after the effective date of this charter and as often thereafter as it deems necessary, the board of county commissioners shall provide for a compilation and codification of all county ordinances and regulations which have the force of law and are permanent or general in nature. Each codification shall be presented to the board of county commissioners and, when adopted by ordinance, shall be known as the "King County Code." It shall be published together with this charter, a detailed index and appropriate notes, citations and annotations. The board of county commissioners shall also provide for an annual supplement.

Section 790. Citizens' Service Office.

The board of county commissioners shall establish a citizens' service office to receive inquiries and complaints concerning the operation of county government and shall grant it sufficient power including the power to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of records and other evidence to permit it quickly and

efficiently to investigate and to make and publicize recommendations concerning its findings.

Section 795. Employee Representation.

The board of county commissioners may enact an ordinance providing for collective bargaining by the county with county employees covered by the personnel system. If an ordinance providing for collective bargaining is enacted, it shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive; and it shall designate, or provide for the selection of, the bargaining agent of the county. Any agreement reached as a result of negotiations by the county bargaining agent with county employees shall not have the force of law unless enacted by ordinance.

ARTICLE 8

TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

The provisions of this article relate to the transition from the existing form of government to the form of government established by this charter; and where inconsistent with the foregoing articles of this charter, the provisions of this article shall constitute exceptions.

Section 810. Effective Date and Elections.

The effective date of this charter shall be May 1, 1969. Special elections held in accordance with general law for the election of partison county officers shall be held to elect the first county executive, county assessor and county commissioners to be elected after the adoption of this charter. The nominating primaries shall be held on February 11, 1969, and the election shall be held on March 11, 1969. Until they are changed by a districting ordinance in

accordance with the provisions of this charter, the county commissioner districts shall be as follows:

Section 820. County Commissioners.

Unless he resigns or seeks nomination to the office of county executive or county assessor, a county commissioner elected at the general election in November 1966 or November 1968 shall be entitled to remain as a county commissioner on the board of county commissioners established by this charter and shall represent the commissioner district established by this charter in which he resides on the date when this charter is adopted in which case a special election for the first county commissioner for that district shall not be held.

Section 830. County Assessor.

Unless he resigns or seeks nomination to the office of county executive or county commissioner, the county assessor elected at the general election in 1966 shall be entitled to remain as the county assessor established by this charter in which case a special election

for the first county assessor after the adoption of this charter shall not be held.

Section 840. Commencement and Terms of Office.

The terms of office of officers elected at the special election on March 11, 1969, and the county commissioners and assessor elected at the general elections in 1966 or 1968 who remain as commissioners and assessor in the offices established by this charter, shall commence on May 1, 1969. The terms of office of the county executive, the county assessor and county commissioners representing even numbered districts shall expire when their successors are elected at the general election in 1971 and have qualified. The terms of office of county commissioners representing odd numbered districts shall expire when their successors are elected at the general election in 1973 and have qualified.

Section 850. Compensation.

The county commissioners and county assessor who take office, or continue in office, on the effective date of this charter shall receive during their first term of office under this charter the compensation specified by general law for county commissioners and county assessors, respectively. The county executive who takes office on the effective date of this charter shall receive during his first term of office under this charter one and one half times the compensation specified by general law for county commissioners.

Section 860. The Personnel System.

860.10. Personnel Board Members.

The original members of the personnel board shall be appointed

and confirmed by June 1, 1969, and shall be appointed for the following terms: one for a six year term, one for a four year term and one for a two year term. Thereafter, any new appointment, except to fill out an unexpired term, and any reappointment shall be for a six year term.

860.20. Effective Date.

The personnel board shall adopt and present to the board of county commissioners a comprehensive set of personnel rules as soon as possible, and the effective date of the personnel system shall be no later than January 1, 1970. Prior to the effective date of the personnel system, each employee shall be appointed, promoted, suspended and removed by the officer in whose office he serves.

860.30. Positions Exempt From the Personnel System.

For the first two years after the effective date of the personnel system and thereafter until changed by ordinance, the following positions shall be exempt from the personnel system: all elected officers; the county auditor; the clerk and all other employees of the board of county commissioners; all appointed officers of the executive branch; the members of all boards and commissions; all employees serving in the office of the county executive and the county administrative officer; one administrative assistant for the county auditor, for the county assessor, for each of the appointed officers of the executive branch and for each board and commission; four supervisory deputy assessors; one confidential secretary for the county auditor, the county assessor, for each appointed officer of the executive branch and for each administrative assistant; physicians, surgeons, dentists, interns, student nurses and inmates employed by county hospitals, tuberculosis sanitariums and health

departments of the county; all court reporters, court commissioners, bailiffs and employees serving in the offices of the superior court judges; court commissioners, clerks and personal secretaries serving in offices of the justices of the peace; persons employed in a professional or scientific capacity to conduct a special inquiry, investigation or examination; part time and temporary employees; election precinct officials; and all persons serving the county without compensation.

860.40. Elective County Officers.

Every elected county officer whose office is abolished or made appointive by the adoption of this charter and who holds office on the effective date of this charter shall be continued in county employment at the rate of compensation specified by general law for the office which he held on the effective date of this charter until the date when the term of office to which he was elected would have expired but for the adoption of this charter; and, thereafter, he shall be entitled to be appointed at the same rate of compensation to an administrative position covered by the personnel system subject to all of the rules of the personnel system except those concerning initial appointment.

860.50. County Employees.

A county employee employed in a position covered by the personnel system on the effective date of the personnel system shall be entitled to be appointed to that position subject to all of the personnel rules except the rules concerning initial appointments; provided, however, that a county employee who was employed by the county on June 1, 1968, and was involuntarily suspended, demoted or

removed without just cause prior to the effective date of the personnel system shall have a preferential right to be appointed to the position in which he was employed on June 1, 1968, if it is covered by the personnel system. If a position is exempt from the personnel system, the employee shall have the right to be appointed to a position covered by the personnel system which is as nearly comparable as possible to his former position.

860.60. Sheriff's Civil Service System.

The sheriff's civil service system as provided by general law shall continue in full force and effect for a period of two years after the adoption of this charter. At the end of two years, the board of county commissioners may by ordinance provide that the sheriff's civil service commission be terminated and that its duties be assumed by the personnel board established by this charter. In such an event, the personnel rules adopted by the personnel board shall not decrease or eliminate any of the rights, privileges and protections granted to the deputy sheriffs and other employees covered by the sheriff's civil service system except to the extent permitted by the state constitution and general law.

Section 870. Board of Appeals.

The original members of the board of appeals shall be appointed and confirmed by June 1, 1969, and shall be appointed for the following terms: one for a seven year term, one for a six year term, one for a five year term, one for a four year term, one for a three year term, one for a two year term and one for a one year term. Thereafter, any new appointment, except to fill out an unexpired term, and any reappointment shall be for a seven year term.

Section 880. Administrative Offices and Executive Departments.

For a period of two years after the effective date of this charter, the board of county commissioners shall not abolish, combine or divide the administrative offices and the executive departments specified in this charter and shall not transfer the specified powers and duties from one office or department to another.

Section 890. Transition.

Except as provided by this article, the terms of office of elective county officers subject to this charter shall terminate on the effective date of this charter. All appointed officers and employees holding office on the effective date of this charter shall continue in the performance of their duties until their successors are appointed or until their duties are transferred, altered or abolished in accordance with the provisions of this charter; and all board and commissions which are not abolished or combined by this charter shall continue to function until such time as they are combined or abolished by ordinance. All ordinances and other official actions of the board of county commissioners which are in effect on the effective date of this charter and which are not inconsistent with this charter shall continue in effect until they are amended, repealed or superseded in accordance with the provisions of this charter. All rights, claims, actions, orders, obligations, proceedings and contracts existing on the effective date of this charter shall not be affected by the adoption of this charter.

430.30. Districting.430.30.10. District Boundaries.

The boundaries of each district shall correspond as nearly as practical with the boundaries of election precincts, municipalities and census tracts and shall be drawn to produce districts with compact and contiguous territory, composed of economic and geographic units and approximately equal in population.

430.30.20. Districting Ordinances.

A districting ordinance shall be enacted by a majority of the board of county commissioners in 1971 and at least every five years thereafter. If the population of the districts are approximately equal, the boundaries shall not be changed except to correspond with minor changes in the boundaries of election precincts, municipalities and census tracts. If the size, shape and population of the districts comply with the requirements of this charter, the board of county commissioners shall enact an ordinance retaining the district boundaries without change. A districting ordinance shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive.

430.30.30. Districting Committee. [alternate provision]

The boundaries of the county commissioner districts shall be reviewed in 1971 and at least every five years thereafter by a committee of at least five members who shall be appointed by the chief executive subject to confirmation by a majority of the board of county commissioners which shall provide for their compensation. No more than a simple majority of the committee shall be affiliated with the same political party.

The districting committee shall be appointed and confirmed within thirty days after the first of the year in which the county commissioner district boundaries are required to be reviewed by this charter, and within four months after its appointment and confirmation it shall present its districting recommendations to the board of county commissioners.

430.30.30. Districting Committee. [alternate provision]

If the board of county commissioners does not adopt a districting ordinance during the first four months of any year in which it is required to do so by this charter, the county executive shall appoint within thirty days a districting committee of at least five members subject to confirmation by a majority of the board of county commissioners which shall provide for their compensation. No more than a simple majority of the committee shall be affiliated with the same political party. The districting committee shall present its districting recommendations to the board of county commissioners within four months after the committee has been appointed and confirmed.

430.30.40. Consideration by Board of County Commissioners.

The board of county commissioners may either accept, modify or reject the recommendations of the districting committee. If its recommendations are rejected, the committee may, but shall not be required to, present alternate recommendations. If the recommendations are neither accepted, modified nor rejected within sixty days after they are presented to the board of county commissioners by the districting committee, they shall become effective on the sixty first day after their presentation as if they had been enacted by ordinance.

430.30.50. Failure to Enact a Districting Ordinance

If the board of county commissioners fails to enact a districting ordinance during the year in which it is required to do so by this charter, the compensation of the county commissioners shall be suspended from the first day of January of the next year until a districting ordinance is enacted, the suspended compensation shall be paid without interest to the county commissioners who would have received it but for the suspension.

MINUTES

DELIBERATION ON JOHN DONAHO'S PROPOSED CHANGES IN DRAFT CHARTER

July 1, 1968

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Chairman Richard Albrecht. All Freeholders were present with the exception of Mr. Ackley, Mr. Eberle, and Mr. Schneider, whose secretary was present. Also present were John Donaho, Consultant, John Strasburger, Legal Counsel, Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary, and Virginia Galle.

II. MAJOR CHANGES PROPOSED BY MR. DONAHO'S REPORT

1. New Article on the personnel system.

A. (Mr. John Donaho, management consultant, had presented his report on the proposed draft of the King County Charter on June 28th. At that time the Freeholders requested he redraft and add suggestive provisions on Personnel, Finance, and Planning.) The redrafted Article 5 on the personnel administration was presented and discussed. Discussion was interrupted by the Chairman, who suggested we restrict discussion to questions to Mr. Donaho. Regarding detailed personnel rules, Mr. Donaho stated that it is difficult to write in too many rules without doing an injustice to subsequent administration. If a good personnel man is selected, he should have a flexible system.

a. MOTION: Moved and seconded to substitute redrafted Article for earlier Article 5 on personnel system.

Vote: For, 7 Against, 0 P/NV, 5

b. MOTION: Moved and seconded that last sentence of redrafted Section 550 be stricken, as it has effect of permitting wholesale exemptions.

Vote: For, 8 Against, 0 P/NV, 4

- c. MOTION: Moved and Seconded to strike the phrase in Section 560, "shall not engage in any political activity on behalf of, and shall not pay or be asked to pay any assessment..."
- Vote: For, 4 Against, 7 P/NV, 1
- d. MOTION: Moved and seconded to add the word "county" in last line of Section 560, making it "any elective county office."
- Vote: For, 9 Against, 3
- e. MOTION: Moved and seconded that the charter drafters write in a penalty for violation of Section 560 (political activities).
- Vote: For, 8 Against, 3 P/NV, 1
- f. MOTION: Moved and seconded that reference to penalty for violation of Section 560 be included in section regarding rules of personnel.
- Vote: For, 9 Against, 2 P/NV, 1
- g. MOTION: Moved and seconded to restore language in brackets under Section 530 permitting complaints concerning operation of system or attitude of employee.
- Vote: For, 2 Against, 6 P/NV, 4
- h. MOTION: Moved and seconded to add to Section 530, "According weight in new hires, promotions and discharges to recommendations of department heads and down-grading the weight of written examinations."
- Vote: For, 2 Against, 8 P/NV, 2
- i. MOTION: Moved and seconded to delete from Section 550 Four supervisory deputy assessors in exempt positions.
- Vote: For, 5 Against, 6 P/NV, 1
2. New Article on financial procedures.
- A. Question was raised whether Section 460, limitations on what legislative branch can do with budget, was too limiting. Mr. Donaho said state has similar limitations and has been heralded for it. County Executive has budget responsibility, but we have not inhibited power of legislative body at all. They may

restrict, limit, may provide more. Commissioners have had control of appropriations, but should not be able to, nor should there be alteration in revenue estimates.

- a. MOTION: Moved and seconded we adopt the redrafted Article 4, financial procedures, and it be incorporated into draft charter. In the interest of Mr. Donaho's limited time before leaving for other business, the Chairman moved to the third agenda item on planning, and to return later to consideration of amendments to the financial procedures.

Vote: For, 11 Against, 0 P/NV, 1

3. New provisions on planning and enabling future merger of planning and budgeting functions.

- A. Mr. Donaho reviewed the new planning sections and answered questions of the Freeholders'.

- a. MOTION: Moved and seconded to accept draft substitution of planning as staff office instead of line office.

Vote: For, 6 Against, 6 Motion failed.

- b. MOTION: Moved and seconded that the new provision on planning be incorporated into draft.

Vote: For, 8 Against, 1 P/NV, 3

- c. MOTION: Moved and seconded we strike reference to "public" housing.

Vote: For, 3 Against, 4 Motion failed. A/NV, 5

- d. MOTION: Moved and seconded to strike the whole last sentence of Section 350.10.50.

Vote: For, 6 Against, 5 P/NV, 1

4. Enabling future merger of accounting and finance functions

- A. When reviewed by Mr. Donaho, he explained that budget and planning are closely related, and that finance (old treasurer's office) and accounting and revenues are related, and could well be placed together. The treasurer could be head of finance. He added that it might be too soon to do this. Future merger of budget and planning would be eased if both were considered staff functions.

III. LANGUAGE AND PROCEDURAL CHANGES SUGGESTED BY MR. DONAHO AND STAFF

a. MOTION: Moved and seconded to incorporate language ^{Accounting & Finance Planning & Budgeting} permitting commissioners be allowed to merge without ~~allowing~~ waiting two years.

Vote: For, 8 ^{prev} Against, 3 p/NV, 1

The suggested changes in language and procedure along with the various questions asked of Mr. Donaho before he left at 10:30 p.m. Question was asked of Donaho his opinion on the number of commissioners, 7, 9, or 11. He said any of these would allow for adequate representation, and would be small enough to deliberate. From the standpoint of increasing adoption, 9 might be easier, and it is easier to go up than down. He is also in favor of part-time commissioners. Donaho stated we have taken steps to delineate lines of districting. Some language may have to be altered.

Mr. Wampold and Chairman thanked Mr. Donaho for his work.

Chairman suggested we now consider items under Item C on agenda. ^(LANGUAGE AND PROCEDURAL CHANGES)

b. MOTION: Moved and seconded to remove language which restricts legislative body from making its own estimate of revenues.

c. MOTION: Motion made we adjourn--non-debatable. Mr. Albrecht, Chairman, brought up matter of next meeting. We have stated our intention to hold public hearing July 17. If we are to distribute copies, it should be a week before, so urged we meet sometime soon.

Consensus was for next Monday, July 8, 7:30 p.m. in Room 402 at Courthouse.

Motion passed unanimously at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Gunby

Virginia Gunby, Secretary

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

AGENDA

JULY 1, 1968

- A. Call to order by chairman
- B. Major changes proposed by Mr. Donaho's report
 - 1. New article on the personnel system
 - 2. New article on financial procedures
 - 3. New provisions on planning and enabling future merger of planning and budgeting functions
 - 4. Enabling future merger of accounting and finance functions
- C. Language and procedural changes suggested by Mr. Donaho and staff
 - 1. Page 2, section 220.20--giving subpoena power to legislative branch
 - 2. Page 3, section 220.30--providing for board to select chairman
 - 3. Page 3, section 230.107--adding language requiring public hearing and notice
 - 4. Page 3, section 230.20, 230.30 and 230.40--adding language to provide for partial veto of appropriation ordinances
 - 5. Page 7, section 250--clarifying language to indicate type of audit to be performed
 - 6. Page 7A, section 260--establishing citizens' service office under legislative branch and giving it subpoena power
 - 7. Page 8, section 320.10 and section 850 on page 30--changing method of determining chief executive's pay--not less than \$30,000
 - 8. Page 9, section 320.20--removing performance and line item budget language and adding new language to financial procedures article

9. Page 10, section 340.50--altering language on qualifications
10. Page 12, section 350.10,50--adding more definite language to purchasing procedures
11. Page 30, section 860.10--increasing personnel to five members with staggered terms
12. Page 31, section 860.30--merged into new personnel article

D. Additional material not previously considered:

1. Section 860.50--adding new subsection extending "grandfather clause"
2. Article 2--adding language concerning motions

E. Consideration of changes from Freeholders

F. Status of commissioner district alternatives

G. Future meetings

H. Adjournment

ARTICLE 5

THE PERSONNEL SYSTEM

Section 510. Purpose.

The county shall establish and maintain an effective personnel system for the county which will assure: recruitment, selection and retention of county employees on the basis of merit; the development of a county career service; promotion on the basis of demonstrated ability; and compensation and personnel practices which will keep the personnel system competitive.

Section 520. Office of Personnel.

The office of personnel shall administer the personnel system of the county in accordance with the personnel rules adopted by the board of county commissioners by ordinance. The office of personnel shall prepare and present proposed personnel rules to the county administrative office and the county executive who shall present a proposed ordinance establishing the personnel rules to the board of county commissioners which shall adopt the ordinance with or without amendments.

Section 530. Personnel Rules.

The personnel rules shall provide for: the classification of all employed positions based on the duties, authority and responsibility of each position with adequate provisions for reclassification of any position whenever warranted; a pay plan for all county positions; methods for determining the merit and fitness of candidates for appointment or promotion; policies and procedures concerning reductions in force and removal of employees; hours of work, attendance, regula-

tions and provisions for vacations and sick leaves; policies and procedures for persons holding provisional appointments; policies and procedures governing relationships with employee organizations; policies governing in-service training; grievance procedures [permitting county officers, employees and citizens to file complaints concerning the operation of the personnel system or the attitude and work of any county employee]; procedures for disciplinary actions; and other related policies and procedures.

Section 540. The Personnel Board.

There shall be a personnel board composed of five members, four of whom shall be appointed by the county executive subject to confirmation by a majority of the board of county commissioners. One member of the personnel board shall be elected by secret ballot by the county employees who are members of the career service. A personnel board member shall serve a five year term and until his successor is appointed, with one member being appointed each year. A majority of the board of county commissioners, but not the county executive, may remove a personnel board member for just cause after written charges have been served on the personnel board member and a public hearing has been held by the board of county commissioners. The board of county commissioners may provide for the compensation of personnel board members on a per diem basis.

The personnel board shall report at least once a year to the county executive concerning the operation of the personnel

system with any recommendations it may have for its improvement.

Any member of the career service may appeal to the personnel board from any action pertaining to the methods of examination, certification or preparation of eligibility lists, from any suspension for more than sixty days, reduction in rank or pay or removal and from any allocation or reallocation of positions. The personnel board shall issue such order as it deems proper including but not limited to the restoration of rank or pay with or without loss of benefits and pay and the allocation or reallocation of positions. The decisions of the personnel board shall be final unless reviewed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 550. Positions Exempt from the Personnel System.

The following positions shall be exempt from the personnel system: all elected officers; the county auditor, the clerk and all other employees of the board of county commissioners; all officers appointed by the chief executive or the county administrative officer including the members of all boards and commissions; one administrative assistant each for the county executive, the county administrative officer, the county auditor, the county assessor, the chief officer of each executive department and administrative office and for each board and commission; four supervisory deputy assessors; one confidential secretary each for the county executive, the county administrative officer, the county assessor, the chief officer of each executive department and administrative office, and for each administrative assistant specified herein; court commissioners, clerks and personal secretaries serving in the offices of the superior

court judges and justices of the peace; persons employed in a professional or scientific capacity to conduct a special inquiry, investigation or examination; parttime and temporary employees; election precinct officials and all other persons serving the county without compensation.

The board of county commissioners when requested to do so by the county executive may adopt an ordinance adding additional positions to those which are exempt from the personnel system.

Section 560. Political Activities.

A county employee employed in a position covered by the personnel system shall not engage in any political activity on behalf of, and shall not pay or be asked to pay any assessment or contribution which will benefit directly or indirectly, anyone occupying or seeking appointment, nomination or election to any elective office.

ARTICLE 4
FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

Section 410. Presentation and Adoption of Budgets.

At least sixty days prior to the end of each fiscal year, the county executive shall present to the board of county commissioners a complete budget and budget message and proposed current expense and capital budget appropriation ordinances and proposed tax or revenue ordinances necessary to raise sufficient revenues to balance the budget; and at least thirty days prior to the end of the fiscal year, the board of county commissioners shall adopt appropriation ordinances for the next fiscal year. If appropriation, tax or revenue ordinances have not been adopted within forty-five days after the county executive has presented the proposed appropriation ordinances, the proposed appropriation, tax and revenue ordinances presented by the county executive shall become effective on the forty-sixth day as if they had been enacted by ordinance.

Section 420. Budget Information.

At least one hundred and twenty days prior to the end of the fiscal year, all agencies of county government shall submit to the office of budgets and accounts information necessary to prepare the budget.

Section 430. Contents of Budget.

The budget shall be balanced; shall include all funds,

revenues and reserves; shall be divided into programs, projects and objects of expense and shall include supporting data deemed advisable by the county executive or required by ordinance; shall indicate as to each program, project or object of expense the actual expenditures of the preceding fiscal year, the estimated expenditures for the current fiscal year and requested appropriations for the next fiscal year; and a proposed capital improvement program for the next six fiscal years.

Section 440. Budget Message.

The budget message shall explain the budget in fiscal terms and in terms of the goals to be accomplished and shall relate the requested appropriations to the comprehensive plans of the county.

Section 450. Copies of Budget.

Copies of the budget and budget message shall be delivered to the clerk and each of the members of the board of county commissioners, and copies shall be available for public inspection, and the budget message and supporting tables shall be furnished to any interested person upon request.

Section 460. Consideration and Adoption of Appropriation Ordinances.

Prior to the adoption of any appropriation ordinances for the next fiscal year, the board of county commissioners shall hold a public hearing to consider the budget presented by the county executive and shall hold any other public hearing on the budget or any part thereof that it deems advisable. The board of county commissioners in considering the appropriation ordinances

emergency appropriation ordinance may appropriate contingency funds, revenues received in excess of the revenue estimated in the budget presented by the county executive and funds from any other source available to the county in an emergency.

470.30. Additional Capital Budget Appropriations.

The board of county commissioners shall not adopt an additional or amended capital budget appropriation ordinance during the fiscal year unless requested to do so by the county executive. The request of the county executive shall include the written recommendations of the office of planning.

Section 475. Work Programs and Allotments.

Within thirty days after the adoption of the appropriation ordinances, each agency of county government except the board of county commissioners shall present to the county executive work programs and requested allotments by program, project, object of expense or period of time to properly control expenditures and prevent deficits; and, when requested to do so, the county executive is authorized to allot, reallocate and withhold appropriations. At any time during the fiscal year, when requested to do so by the agency concerned, the county executive may transfer current expense appropriations between general classifications of expenditures within the same executive department, administrative office, board or commission.

During the last quarter of the fiscal year, the board of county commissioners when requested to do so by the county executive, may adopt an ordinance to transfer appropriations

proposed by the county executive may delete or add items, may reduce or increase the proposed appropriations and may add provisions restricting the expenditures of certain appropriations; but it shall not change the form of the proposed appropriation ordinances submitted by the county executive. The appropriation ordinances adopted by the board of county commissioners shall not exceed the estimated revenues of the county for the next fiscal year for each fund including surpluses and reserves; and the board of county commissioners shall not alter the amount of the estimated revenues contained in the budget presented by the county executive except to the extent that the board of county commissioners creates additional sources of revenue which are not included in the tax and revenue ordinances proposed by the county executive.

Section 470. Additional Appropriations.

470.10 Contingency Appropriations.

The appropriation ordinances shall include contingency funds. Contingency funds shall not be expended unless the office of budget and accounts certifies in writing that sufficient funds are available and the board of county commissioners adopts an additional appropriation ordinance after being requested to do so by the county executive.

470.20 Emergency Appropriations.

In the event of a public emergency, the board of county commissioners may adopt an emergency appropriation ordinance after being requested to do so by the county executive. An

between agencies of county government; but a capital budget project shall not be abandoned thereby unless recommended by the department of planning.

Section 480. Lapses of Appropriations.

Unless otherwise provided by the appropriation ordinances, all unexpended and unencumbered appropriations in the current expense appropriation ordinance shall lapse at the end of the fiscal year. An appropriation in the capital budget appropriation ordinance shall lapse when the project has been completed or abandoned or when no expenditure or encumbrance has been made for three years.

Section 490. Interfund Borrowing and Reimbursement.

One agency of county government or fund may reimburse another agency or fund for services rendered; and the board of county commissioners when requested to do so by the county executive may adopt an ordinance to provide for temporary interfund borrowing.

Section 495. Illegal Contracts.

Except as otherwise provided by ordinance any contract in excess of an appropriation or allotment shall be null and void; and any officer, agent or employee of the county knowingly responsible shall be personally liable to anyone damaged by his action. The board of county commissioners when requested to do so by the county executive may adopt an ordinance permitting the county to enter into contracts requiring the payment of funds from appropriations of subsequent fiscal years, but real property shall not be leased for more than one year unless it is included in a capital budget appropriation ordinance.

350.10.50. Office of Planning.

The office of planning shall prepare and present to the county executive and the board of county commissioners comprehensive master plans; shall advise all agencies of the county on planning and related matters; shall coordinate planning and related activities of the county with state, regional, municipal and other county planning agencies; shall maintain a current file of plans, zoning ordinances, official maps, building codes, and subdivision regulations; shall assist the office of budgets and accounts in developing capital improvement programs and capital budgets; and shall perform other related duties assigned to it by ordinance or by the county executive.

350.10.50. (a) Comprehensive Plans.

The office of planning in cooperation with private organizations and all agencies of county government shall prepare and recommend to the county executive and the board of county commissioners for adoption by ordinance: (1) a county plan for the physical development of the county including recommendations: for the most desirable use of land and density of population, for the location of public buildings, for a system of public ways and other public facilities, for the location of public and private utilities, public housing, drainage facilities and concerning other matters beneficial to the county; (2) an official map of existing rights-of-ways and open spaces and proposed modifications; (3) regulations concerning the planning and

subdivision of land; and (4) zoning plans including zoning maps and regulations.

350.10.50. (b) Zoning Applications.

The office of planning shall receive and consider all zoning applications. It shall make the initial decision concerning all applications for zoning variances and conditional use permits, and its decisions shall be final unless appealed to the board of appeals. It shall consider and make recommendations to the board of county commissioners concerning all applications for rezoning or original zoning.

The board of county commissioners may adopt an ordinance creating an office of zoning hearing officer to receive and make initial decisions instead of the office of planning concerning all applications for zoning variances and conditional use permits.

remain as they are on the date of the enactment of this charter until changed.

ARTICLE 2

THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 210. Composition.

The legislative branch shall be composed of the board of county commissioners.

Section 220. The Board of County Commissioners.

220.10. Composition and Terms of Office.

The board of county commissioners shall consist of nine members. The county shall be divided into nine districts, and one commissioner shall be nominated and elected by the voters of each district. The term of office of each county commissioner shall be four years and until his successor is elected and qualified.

220.20. Powers.

The board of county commissioners shall be the policy determining body of the county and shall have all legislative powers of the county under this charter. The board of county commissioners shall exercise its legislative power by the adoption and enactment of ordinances; shall levy taxes, appropriate revenue and adopt budgets for the county; shall establish the compensation to be paid to all county officers and employees and shall provide for the reimbursement of expenses; shall have the power to conduct public hearings on matters of public concern to assist it in performing its legislative responsibilities" and to subpoena (~~compel-the-attendance-of~~) witnesses (~~and-the-production-of-records~~) documents and other evidence; and shall have the

power to establish, abolish, combine and divide administrative offices and executive departments and to prescribe their duties.

220.30. Organization.

The board of county commissioners at least once a year shall elect one of its members as chairman, shall be responsible for its own organization and for the employment and supervision of those employees which it deems necessary to assist it or individual county commissioners in the exercise of their legislative powers and shall appoint a clerk to maintain its records. (~~and-to-supervise-its-staff-~~)

220.40. Rules of Procedure.

The board of county commissioners shall adopt by ordinance rules of procedure governing the time, place and conduct of its meetings and hearings and the introduction, publication, consideration and adoption of ordinances. (~~to-guarantee-ample-opportunity-for-the-people-to-be-heard-and-adequate-consideration-by-the-board-of-county-commissioners-~~) All meetings shall be open to the public, and a verbatim public record shall be kept of each meeting and the votes taken therein.

220.50. Relationship With Other Branches.

The board of county commissioners and the individual commissioners shall not, except through the enactment of ordinances, issue orders to any officer, agent or employee of any other branch of the county government.

Section 230. Ordinances.

230.10. Introduction and Adoption.

Proposed ordinances shall be limited to one subject and may be introduced by any county commissioner, by the county executive

or by initiative petitions. At least seven days after the introduction of a proposed ordinance except an emergency ordinance and prior to its adoption or enactment, the board of county commissioners shall hold public hearing after due notice to consider the proposed ordinance. Except as otherwise provided in this charter, a minimum of five votes shall be required to adopt an ordinance.

230.20. Executive Veto.

Except as otherwise provided by this charter, the county executive shall have the right to veto any ordinance or any part of an appropriation ordinance. Every ordinance shall be presented to the county executive within five days after its adoption or enactment by the board of county commissioners. Within ten days after its presentation, the county executive shall either sign the ordinance and return it to the board of county commissioners, (er) veto the ordinance and return it to the board of county commissioners with a written and signed statement of the reasons for his veto or sign and partially veto an appropriation ordinance and return it to the board of county commissioners with a written and signed statement of the reasons for his partial veto. If an ordinance is not returned by the county executive within ten days after its presentation, it shall be deemed enacted without his signature. Within thirty days after an ordinance has been vetoed and returned or partially vetoed and returned, the board of county commissioners may override the veto or partial veto of an appropriation ordinance by enacting the ordinance by a minimum of six votes.

230.30. Effective Date of Ordinances.

The effective date of an ordinance, except an emergency ordinance, shall be forty five days after its enactment unless a later date is specified in the ordinance.

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An ordinance which is not vetoed or the approved portions
of an appropriation ordinance which has been partially vetoed shall
be deemed enacted on the date that it is approved by, or ten days
after it is presented to, the county executive. An ordinance which
is vetoed or the vetoed portions of an appropriation ordinance shall
be deemed enacted on the date that the board of county commissioners
overrides the veto or partial veto. An ordinance which has been
submitted to the voters by

referendum or initiative shall be deemed enacted when it is approved by the voters. An ordinance which is not subject to the veto power of the county executive shall be deemed enacted on the date it is approved by the board of county commissioners.

230.40. Emergency Ordinances.

Any proposed ordinance may be enacted as an emergency ordinance if the board of county commissioners finds as a fact, and states in the ordinance, that an emergency exists and that the ordinance is necessary for the preservation of public peace, health or safety. A minimum of seven votes shall be required to enact an emergency ordinance, and unless it is an appropriation ordinance it shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive and shall be effective on the date of its enactment unless a later date is specified in the ordinance.

Section 240. Referendum and Initiative.

240.10. Referendum.

Enacted ordinances except as provided herein may be subjected to a referendum by the voters of the county by filing with the board of county commissioners prior to the effective date of the ordinance petitions bearing signatures of registered voters of the county equal in number to not less than ten percent of the votes cast in the county for the office of county executive at the last preceding election for county executive. Each petition shall contain the full text of the ordinance to be referred. The ordinance subject to referendum shall not become effective until it is approved by the voters. The ordinance to be referred shall be placed on the ballot at the next special or general election occurring more than forty five days after the petitions

subject matter, the substitute or amended ordinance shall be placed on the same ballot with the proposed ordinance; and the voters shall be given the choice of adopting one of the ordinances and rejecting the other or of rejecting both ordinances.

If it is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue, the ordinance shall become effective forty five days after the date of the election.

240.30. Referendum and Initiative Petitions.

All referendum and initiative petitions shall be sponsored by an individual or committee of individuals which shall secure the approval of the clerk of the board of county commissioners as to the form of the proposed petitions before circulating them. At any time more than forty five days prior to a referendum or initiative election, the sponsor or a majority of the sponsoring committee may withdraw the petitions by filing with the clerk of the board of county commissioners a signed statement asking that the referendum or initiative petitions be withdrawn setting forth the reasons for the withdrawal. The filing of such a request shall cause the petitions to be of no force and effect, and the referendum or initiative election shall be canceled.

Section 250. County Auditor.

The county auditor shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners and shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, a current post (an-annual) audit of the financial operations of county government and shall consult with the office of budgets and accounts concerning the accounting procedures to be used by the executive branch. (shall make-any-limited-and-periodic-audits-which-he-deems-necessary;-and-shall perform-any-other-duties-assigned-to-him-by-the-board-of-county commissioners.

Section 260. Citizen's Service Office.

The board of county commissioners shall establish a citizens' service office to receive inquiries and complaints concerning the operation of county government and shall grant it sufficient power including the power to subpoena witness, documents and other evidence to permit it quickly and efficiently to investigate and to make and publicize recommendations concerning its findings.

ARTICLE 3

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 310. Composition and Powers.

The executive branch shall be composed of the county executive, the county administrative officer, the county assessor, the officers and employees of administrative offices and executive departments established by this charter or created by the board of county commissioners and the members of boards and commissions except: the board of county commissioners, the board of appeals and the personnel board. The executive branch shall have all executive powers of the county under this charter.

Section 320. County Executive.

320.10. Election, Term of Office and Compensation.

The county executive shall be nominated and elected by the voters of the county, and his term of office shall be four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. The county executive shall receive not less than \$30,000 a year. (~~compensation-at-least one-and-one-half-times-the-compensation-paid-to-a-county-commissioner.~~)

320.20. Powers and Duties.

The county executive shall be the chief executive officer of the county and shall have all executive power of the county which is not expressly vested in other specific officers by this charter; shall supervise all administrative offices and executive departments established by this charter or created by the board of county commissioners; shall be the chief peace officer of the county and shall execute and enforce all ordinances and state statutes within the county;

shall serve on all boards and commissions on which a county commissioner was required to serve prior to the adoption of this charter, and if more than one county commissioner was required to serve, shall appoint a county commissioner or county commissioners to serve on the board or commission with him; shall present to the board of county commissioners an annual statement of the financial and governmental affairs of the county and any other report which he may deem necessary, including proposed ordinances; shall prepare and present to the board of county commissioners (~~performance-and-line item~~) budgets and a budget messages setting forth the programs which he proposes for the county during the next fiscal year; shall prepare and present to the board of county commissioners comprehensive plans including capital improvement plans for the present and future development of the county; shall have the power to veto any ordinance adopted by the board of county commissioners except as otherwise provided by this charter; shall have the power to assign duties to administrative offices and executive departments which are not specifically assigned by this charter or by ordinance; shall sign, or cause to be signed, on behalf of the county all deeds, contracts and other instruments; and shall have the right, subject to approval by a majority of the board of county commissioners, to arrange for one or more functions of the county to be performed by an independent contractor or to be performed in cooperation with, or by, other units of government and to arrange for one or more functions of other units of government to be performed by the county.

Section 330. County Administrative Officer.

The county executive shall appoint the county administrative

officer who, under the general supervision of the county executive, shall assist him, shall supervise the administrative offices and shall perform such other duties as are delegated to him by the county executive.

Section 340. Appointments, Confirmation and Removal.

340.10. Appointments by the County Executive.

The county executive shall appoint the county administrative officer, the chief officer of each executive department except the county assessor and the members of all boards and commissions.

340.20. Appointments by the County Administrative Officer.

The county administrative officer shall appoint the chief officer of each administrative office.

340.30. Appointments by the Chief Officers.

The chief officer of each administrative office and executive department shall appoint all officers and employees of his office or department.

340.40. Confirmation.

The appointments by the county executive shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the board of county commissioners. The appointments by the county administrative officer shall be subject to approval by the county executive.

340.50. Qualifications.

The county administrative officer and the chief officers appointed by either the county executive or the county administrative officer (~~shall have had prior administrative experience in either private or public organizations and~~) shall be appointed on the basis of their abilities, qualifications, integrity and prior experience concerning the duties of the office to which they shall be appointed.

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340.60. Removal.

Any officer, board or commission member, or employee who is not subject to the provisions of the personnel system may be removed at any time by the officer (person) who appointed him except that the members of the personnel board and the board of appeals can be removed only by a majority or by the board of county commissioners as provided in Articles 5 and 6.

Section 350. Executive Offices and (Administrative) Departments.

The executive branch shall include the following administrative offices and executive departments:

350.10. Administrative Offices:

350.10.10. Office of Budgets and Accounts.

The office of budgets and accounts shall prepare a proposed annual budget for the county, shall prescribe the accounting procedures to be used by the county and shall check all disbursement requests to determine that funds have been appropriated and are available and that the requested disbursements are in accordance with the terms of the contract or appropriation ordinance under which the disbursement is to be made.

350.10.20. Office of Personnel.

The office of personnel shall have the responsibilities established by Article 5 and shall perform any other duties assigned to it by the chief administrative officer.

350.10.30. Office of Data Processing.

The office of data processing shall establish and maintain a modern system for processing information in accordance with the needs of county government and shall provide data processing services

for all branches of county government.

350.10.40. Office of County Property.

The office of county property shall assign the use of all real and personal property owned or leased by the county, shall maintain all property unless its maintenance is otherwise assigned by this charter, by ordinance or by the county executive and shall negotiate the lease or sale of county property.

~~350.10.50. --Office of Purchasing.~~

~~The office of purchasing shall purchase, or shall establish the rules and procedure for purchasing by others, all real and personal property acquired by the county and shall use competitive bidding whenever practical.~~

350.10.50. Office of Purchasing.

The office of purchasing shall contract for all public works which are not performed by county employees and shall purchase all and personal real property purchased by the county. Whenever the value of the property to be purchased or the contract to be entered into exceeds the level established by either general law or ordinance, competitive bids shall be obtained and the property purchased or the contract awarded according to the procedure established by ordinance. Competitive bids shall not be required to contract for professional services, to purchase property which is limited to a single source of supply, in other instances as established by ordinance where the price should be negotiated or in the event of an emergency.

350.20. Executive Departments.

350.20.10. Department of Public Works, Utilities and Transportation.

The department of public works, utilities and transportation shall administer the construction and maintenance of the county road system and related facilities and shall be responsible for flood control, garbage disposal and other public works and utilities.

350.20.20. Department of Public Safety.

The department of public safety shall enforce law and order, shall administer the county jail, shall investigate deaths and shall be responsible for civil defense. An inquest shall be held to investigate the causes and circumstances of any death involving a member of the department of public safety.

350.20.30. Department of Public Health and Welfare.

The department of public health and welfare shall administer

charter or the ordinances enacted hereunder, or the state constitution, refers to an agency or officer of county government, it shall be deemed to refer to the agency or officer designated by the board of county commissioners or in the absence of such a designation to the agency or officer designated by the county executive.

Section 770. Additional Compensation.

Any county officer or employee who is compensated by salary shall not receive any additional compensation for serving on any board or commission or in any other position established by or pursuant to this charter.

Section 780. Compilation and Codification of Ordinances.

Within two years after the effective date of this charter and as often thereafter as it deems necessary, the board of county commissioners shall provide for a compilation and codification of all county ordinances and regulations which have the force of law and are permanent or general in nature. Each codification shall be presented to the board of county commissioners and, when adopted by ordinance, shall be known as the "King County Code." It shall be published together with this charter, a detailed index and appropriate notes, citations and annotations. The board of county commissioners shall also provide for an annual supplement.

Section-790.--Citizens'-Service-Office.

-----The-board-of-county-commissioners-shall-establish-a-citizens'-service-office-to-receive-inquiries-and-complaints-concerning-the operation-of-county-government-and-shall-grant-it-sufficient-power including-the-power-to-compel-the-attendance-of-witnesses-and-the production-of-records-and-other-evidence-to-permit-it-quickly-and

~~efficiently-to-investigate-and-to-make-and-publicize-recommendations concerning-its-findings.~~

Section 795. Employee Representation.

The board of county commissioners may enact an ordinance providing for collective bargaining by the county with county employees covered by the personnel system. If an ordinance providing for collective bargaining is enacted, it shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive; and it shall designate, or provide for the selection of, the bargaining agent of the county. Any agreement reached as a result of negotiations by the county bargaining agent with county employees shall not have the force of law unless enacted by ordinance.

ARTICLE 8

TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

The provisions of this article relate to the transition from the existing form of government to the form of government established by this charter; and where inconsistent with the foregoing articles of this charter, the provisions of this article shall constitute exceptions.

Section 810. Effective Date and Elections.

The effective date of this charter shall be May 1, 1969. Special elections held in accordance with general law for the election of partison county officers shall be held to elect the first county executive, county assessor and county commissioners to be elected after the adoption of this charter. The nominating primaries shall be held on February 11, 1969, and the election shall be held on March 11, 1969. Until they are changed by a districting ordinance in

for the first county assessor after the adoption of this charter shall not be held.

Section 840. Commencement and Terms of Office.

The terms of office of officers elected at the special election on March 11, 1969, and the county commissioners and assessor elected at the general elections in 1966 or 1968 who remain as commissioners and assessor in the offices established by this charter, shall commence on May 1, 1969. The terms of office of the county executive, the county assessor and county commissioners representing even numbered districts shall expire when their successors are elected at the general election in 1971 and have qualified. The terms of office of county commissioners representing odd numbered districts shall expire when their successors are elected at the general election in 1973 and have qualified.

Section 850. Compensation.

The county commissioners and county assessor who take office, or continue in office, on the effective date of this charter shall receive during their first term of office under this charter the compensation specified by general law for county commissioners and county assessors, respectively. The county executive who takes office on the effective date of this charter shall receive during his first term of office under this charter \$30,000 per year. ~~(one-and-one-half times-the-compensation-specified-by-general-law-for-county-commissioners.~~

Section 860. The Personnel System.

860.10. Personnel Board Members.

The original members of the personnel board shall be appointed

and confirmed by June 1, 1969, and shall be appointed for the following terms: one for a ~~(six)~~ five year term, one for a four year term, one for a three year term and one for a two year term; and the employee member shall be elected for a one year term. Thereafter, any new appointment or election, except to fill out an unexpired term(~~, and any reappointment~~) shall be for a ~~(six)~~ five year term.

860.20. Effective Date.

The personnel board shall adopt and present to the board of county commissioners a comprehensive set of personnel rules as soon as possible, and the effective date of the personnel system shall be no later than January 1, 1970. Prior to the effective date of the personnel system, each employee shall be appointed, promoted, suspended and removed by the officer in whose office he serves.

860.30. Positions Exempt From the Personnel System.

For the first two years after the effective date of the personnel system and thereafter until changed by ordinance, the following positions in addition to those specified in Article 5 shall be exempt from the personnel system: ~~(all-elected-offices;--the-county-auditor;--the clerk-and-all-other-employees-of-the-board-of-county-commissioners;--all (appointed)-officers--(of-the-executive-branch;)--the-members-of-all-boards-and-commissions;--(all-employees-serving-in-the-office-of-the-county-executive-and-the-county-administrative-officer;)--one-(administrative)--assistant--each-for-the-county-auditor,--for-the-county-assessor,--for each-(of-the-appointed)-officers-of-the-executive-branch-and-for-each board-and-commission;--four-supervisory-deputy-assessors;--one-confidential-secretary-for-the-county-auditor,--the-county-assessor,--for-each appointed-officer-of-the-executive-branch-and-for-each-administrative assistant;)~~ physicians, surgeons, dentists, interns, student nurses and inmates employed by county hospitals, tuberculosis sanitariums and health

departments of the county; (all-court-reporters; court-commissioners, bailiffs-and-employees-serving-in-the-offices-of-the-superior-court judges; court-commissioners; clerks-and-personal-secretaries-serving in-offices-of-the-justices-of-the-peace; persons-employed-in-a-professional-or-scientific-capacity-to-conduct-a-special-inquiry; investigation-or-examination; part-time-and-temporary-employees; election precinct-officials; and-all-persons-serving-the-county-without-compensation.

860.40. Elective County Officers.

Every elected county officer whose office is abolished or made appointive by the adoption of this charter and who holds office on the effective date of this charter shall be continued in county employment at the rate of compensation specified by general law for the office which he held on the effective date of this charter until the date when the term of office to which he was elected would have expired but for the adoption of this charter; and, thereafter, he shall be entitled to be appointed at the same rate of compensation to an administrative position covered by the personnel system subject to all of the rules of the personnel system except those concerning initial appointment.

860.50. County Employees.

A county employee employed in a position covered by the personnel system on the effective date of the personnel system shall be entitled to be appointed to that position subject to all of the personnel rules except the rules concerning initial appointments; provided, however, that a county employee who was employed by the county on June 1, 1968, and was involuntarily suspended, demoted or

departments of the county; (all-court-reporters, court-commissioners, bailiffs-and-employees-serving-in-the-offices-of-the-superior-court judges, court-commissioners, clerks-and-personal-secretaries-serving in-offices-of-the-justices-of-the-peace, persons-employed-in-a-professional-or-scientific-capacity-to-conduct-a-special-inquiry, investigation-or-examination, part-time-and-temporary-employees, election precinct-officials, and-all-persons-serving-the-county-without-compensation.

860.40. Elective County Officers.

Every elected county officer whose office is abolished or made appointive by the adoption of this charter and who holds office on the effective date of this charter shall be continued in county employment at the rate of compensation specified by general law for the office which he held on the effective date of this charter until the date when the term of office to which he was elected would have expired but for the adoption of this charter; and, thereafter, he shall be entitled to be appointed at the same rate of compensation to an administrative position covered by the personnel system subject to all of the rules of the personnel system except those concerning initial appointment.

860.50. County Employees.

A county employee employed in a position covered by the personnel system on the effective date of the personnel system shall be entitled to be appointed to that position subject to all of the personnel rules except the rules concerning initial appointments; provided, however, that a county employee who was employed by the county on June 1, 1968, and was involuntarily suspended, demoted or

SUBSTITUTION FOR THE LAST SENTENCE OF SECTION 860.50:

A county employee employed in a position which is not covered by the career service on the effective date of the personnel system shall have the right to be appointed to a position which is covered by the career service which is as nearly comparable as possible to the position which he held on the effective date of the personnel system when he is removed from that position.

NEW SUBSECTION TO BE ADDED TO ARTICLE 2, THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH:

The board of county commissioners may pass motions to confirm or reject appointments by the county executive, to organize the legislative branch, to make declarations of policy which do not have the force of law, to request information from any other agency of county government, and concerning other administrative matters. Motions shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive, and the board of county commissioners in passing motions need not comply with the procedural requirements for the introduction, consideration and adoption of ordinances.

Section 880. Administrative Offices and Executive Departments.

For a period of two years after the effective date of this charter, the board of county commissioners shall not abolish, combine or divide the administrative offices and the executive departments specified in this charter and shall not transfer the specified powers and duties from one office or department to another.

Section 890. Transition.

Except as provided by this article, the terms of office of elective county officers subject to this charter shall terminate on the effective date of this charter. All appointed officers and employees holding office on the effective date of this charter shall continue in the performance of their duties until their successors are appointed or until their duties are transferred, altered or abolished in accordance with the provisions of this charter. (and) All boards and commissions to the extent permitted by the state constitution (which) are (not) abolished as of the effective date of this charter unless reestablished by ordinance. ~~(or-combined-by-this-charter-shall-continue-to-function until-such-time-as-they-are-combined-or-abolished-by-ordinance.)~~ All ordinances and other official actions of the board of county commissioners which are in effect on the effective date of this charter and which are not inconsistent with this charter shall continue in effect until they are amended, repealed or superseded in accordance with the provisions of this charter. All rights, claims, actions, orders, obligations, proceedings and contracts existing on the effective date of this charter shall not be affected by the adoption of this charter.

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June 28, 1968

Honorable Board of King County Freeholders
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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with our agreement we have reviewed the most recent drafts of the proposed King County Charter and analyzed them from the standpoints of feasibility, completeness, consistency, draftsmanship, and omissions.

Our comments upon the Charter have fallen into three general classifications:

- (1) The recommendations of a minor nature involving language or minor additions of a non-policy character which we have reviewed with your executive secretary, legal counsel, and your chairman. The suggestions are being incorporated by counsel. Suggestions made involve sections 120, 320.20, 330, 340.10, 340.40, 350.10, 350.10.20, 350.20.70, 350.20.80, 460.20, 750, 760, and 790.
- (2) Major areas of policy which involve substantial change or redrafting. These involve three major areas: budgetary and fiscal procedures, personnel, and planning.
- (3) Lesser matters of policy involving changes of substance and draftsmanship.

In general the drafts reviewed set forth in concise form the salient points or elements which should be included in a Charter, subject, of course, to the recommendations of the kind

enumerated above. The Charter substantially alters the structure of government and provides for the separation of powers. It avoids overly detailed prohibitions and restrictions. In our judgment, in the personnel, planning, and fiscal areas, it does not as yet deal with either the traditional or emerging concepts of governmental administration to an adequate degree. With some of the polishing we have recommended and the improvements which will be subsequently set forth, the proposed document should provide an adequate framework for the operation and improvement of King County government in the foreseeable future, assuming, of course, that the officials elected under its provisions perform well. No Charter can guarantee performance of public officials, it can merely guide them into the right channels and attempt to prevent patent wrongdoing. The saleability of the Charter as an improvement over the present form will be something with which you will have to concern yourselves.

A question has been raised with me concerning the so-called "Fordham" approach to home rule. Local governments are the beneficiaries of delegated powers and must operate under the rule of law that that which is not specifically enabled can not be undertaken. To attempt the "Fordham" approach under which local governments would possess all powers possessed by the state not specifically denied to them would require constitutional reform. Your Section 110 anticipates this.

Our interest in this review is focused upon the practical elements of the workability of the Charter. Does it protect the public interest? Does it provide for adequate representation?

Does it assure fiscal responsibility? Does it follow the canons of efficiency as to executive authority, responsibility and accountability and of unity of command? As executive power is increased, is legislative power increased to provide proper balance?

We would like to treat the various policy recommendations of both a minor and major character seriatim in order to provide for an orderly and sequential discussion convenient to you and your staff.

RECOMMENDATIONS

<u>Section</u>	<u>Heading</u>
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<u>Preamble</u>	
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The wording of the Preamble may be improved. We suggest. "We, the people of King County, Washington, in order to form a more orderly government, establish separate legislative and executive branches, insure responsibility and accountability. promote the general welfare and secure the benefits of home rule and self government, in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Washington, do adopt this Charter."

110	<u>General Powers</u>
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This section could be improved by stating. "The County shall possess all of the powers of a home rule county delegated to it under the State Constitution." Should constitutional reform with the "Fordham" rule come to the State of Washington subsequently, the Charter will have anticipated this.

220.30 Organization (Legislative Branch)

This section now makes the appointed clerk the supervisor of the staff of the Board of County Commissioners. Will he supervise the auditor? Will he supervise the ombudsman? One of the critical needs of the Board of County Commissioners will be for fiscal and legislative analysis. This kind of work is usually not done by persons of an office manager type such as clerk nor are such duties well carried out by personnel skilled in auditing. We suggest a re-working of this section. We find no provision for the board to elect one of its members as chairman or presiding officer. It would be well to specify this so that subsequently someone will not say that it is not enabled.

220.40 Rules of Procedure

One of the most important provisions of the Charter for protection of the public interest concerns the rules under which the council shall legislate. The draft merely provides "ample opportunity" for public hearings. This is not specific enough. The time for hearings for other than emergency ordinances should be specified. We suggest a specific period of at least seven days after the introduction of an ordinance for a public hearing thereon. The following language may suffice: "Not later than the next calendar day following the introduction of a bill, the chairman (or clerk) of the Board of County Commissioners shall schedule a public hearing thereon which shall not be less than seven days after its introduction." This will prevent any railroading. Emergency ordinances are otherwise provided for.

220.50 Relationship with other Branches

Some means must be found for the Board of County Commissioners, in concert, to make inquiries or statements of public policy, possibly the Charter should provide for action by resolution.

230.20 Executive Veto

The executive veto on an item basis has been eliminated in the draft. It would be well to consider giving the county executive item veto power over the appropriation ordinances. The veto of emergency appropriation ordinances could be expressed here as well as in 230.40.

230.40 Emergency Ordinances

The county executive has a specific responsibility for maintaining the fiscal integrity and financial soundness of the county. The least that should be done is to add the words, "unless it is an appropriation ordinance" to make certain that the county executive may veto an appropriation ordinance which may be excessive or deplete the funds of the county. Some Charters provide that no appropriation ordinance may be considered unless it is recommended by the chief executive and it is certified that funds are available. This is a good idea.

250 County Auditor

The duties of the County Auditor should be clarified. The draft provides for an annual audit of the operation of county

government. What is an audit of the operation? I do not know. Is it to be a management audit, a performance audit? To whom will the audit be submitted? The following language is suggested. "The County Auditor shall, not later than six months after the close of each fiscal year, prepare and submit to the County Commissioners and the county executive a complete financial audit on the agencies of the county government, together with such explanatory comments as he shall deem appropriate." It should be borne in mind that the county audit is now really made by the state auditor. Who will do the financial audit? What will the county auditor do?

It should also be made clear that in assigning additional duties to the county auditor that he may not be assigned duties within the province of the executive branch, such as accounting or the pre-audit of expenditures. Possibly adding the language, "provided that the duties assigned may not duplicate nor interfere with functions within the province of the executive branch," at the end will suffice.

320.20 Powers and Duties of the County Executive

It should be kept in mind that the county executive as the chief executive officer has certain non-delegable management functions for which he is personally responsible. Chief among these are budget, personnel, and planning. This section provides for the presentation of performance and line-item budgets. Both

of these are technical terms which have been so construed as to cause no end of difficulty in budget formulation and presentation. in fact, the whole budget process should be treated in a separate chapter as is personnel. It should also be made clear that the county executive is responsible for entering into contracts and signing instruments. More will be said about the budget system under 350.10.

340.50

Qualifications requiring the county administrative officer and the chief officers "to have administrative experience in either private or public organizations" is so vague and limited as to be meaningless and would be better abandoned.

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Executive Offices and Departments

Section 350 sets forth the organization structure of the executive branch. You will note our subsequent comments on the relationship of budget and planning which could well be developed into an integrated agency.

Section 350.20.50 creates a department of finance which could well be called a department of revenue or treasury as it embraces basically the functions of the current county treasurer's office. Also, it is made a line agency when this is basically a staff function. A department of accounts and revenue could also be created, thus placing together two fiscal functions which involve a processing of the various financial routines. Many public organizations have so-called integrated departments of finance in

✓ which budg ting purchasing collecting investing accounting and assessing are all located. Like functions are thus grouped and the overall span of control reduced. There is no magic in this organization for other than these reasons. In fact, budgeting is as closely related to planning as it is to accounting, if not more so. The budget-planning organization approach would bring together both long range physical and fiscal planning and cost benefit analysis of long range programs.

350.10.10 Office of Budgets and Accounts

Minimally, 350.10.10 should be amended to read at the end, "the terms of the contract or appropriation ordinance under which the disbursement is to be made."

✓ ^{the} More importantly, consideration should be given to having a budget section in the charter mentioned previously. That budget section should treat the following elements:

- (1) The development and presentation of a complete budget and financial plan embracing all funds received and disbursed by the county for current expenses and capital budgets.
- (2) A budget message explaining the financial plan and fiscal policy.
- (3) Prescribing the form of the budget upon which the board of county commissioners will act by appropriate appropriation ordinances so as to show all receipts and revenues and proposed expenditures by fund including indicating surpluses or deficits in each fund "for each program or project classified by agency character and objective and supported by any other material which the county executive may deem it advisable or the county council by ordinance may require."

To require line-item budgets would be to set the county back 40 years in time. Line-item budgets focus upon the things that are to be bought rather than the programs or services to be performed or rendered. It took the state 10 years to accomplish reform of its line--item structure. Line items are actually objects of expense and should be thought of as appropriate financial supporting data for the budget and for accounts in the county's uniform chart of expenditure accounts. Classification by character refers to expenditures based on the time of benefit or the fiscal periods benefitting. Thus debt retirement is not truly a current expense as is interest on the debt.

- (4) When and how the budget is to be adopted and how it is to be amended. Amendment of the capital budget is especially important because the comments of the planners should be received before any amendment to a capital program is enacted. Furthermore budgeting is basically an executive process and amending, increasing, or supplementing the budget is of basic concern to the executive.
- (5) How many copies of the budget will be available? Will they be available to the public?
- (6) There should be public hearings on the budget as on any ordinance. These hearings have special characteristics so that the public may be heard, agencies may be examined by the board of county commissioners and a hearing on the budget as a whole held.
- (7) The budget should be balanced. At the same time that the appropriation ordinances are adopted, they should be funded by tax, service charge, or borrowing ordinances.
- (8) There should be limitations on additional appropriations so that these do not exceed the amount of contingency funds available.
- (9) No funds should be disbursed from the treasury except in consequence of an appropriation.
- (10) The county executive should be empowered to avoid the incurring of a deficit by over-obligation, excessive rate or expenditure, or a failure to realize estimated revenues. This is usually accomplished by the allotment process to control the rate at which appropriations are expended.

- (11) Something should be said about borrowing. What will be the term of bonds? How will they be authorized?

Presence of the above elements will enhance the opinion of the county by the financial rating agencies in New York.

Further, consideration should be given to the current trend to combine the budget and planning agencies. The budget is also a plan, albeit a work plan with dollar signs attached. The new planning, programming, budgeting system approach means that the budgeteers, planners, and economists must work very closely together. This change in organization structure would recognize this trend in the organization structure.

350.10.20 The Office of Personnel

This agency, headed by a personnel officer, will be responsible for administration of Article 5, the Personnel system.

Personnel administration in the county will involve more than merely the duties and responsibilities related to the classified or non-exempt employees in the designated "personnel system." It must concern itself with employees in the exempt classes with the relative value of all jobs or positions based upon their duties and responsibilities and the pay plan should cover the entire hierarchy from lowest employee to county executive. Thus job titles and pay in the exempt service must be re-classified related to the non-exempt or ~~xxxx~~ service. For example, as a rule of thumb, the county executive should be paid approximately 30% more than his highest paid chief subordinate and the next level should be 20-30% over the next lower level of supervision. The

county must take care that persons with similar duties and responsibilities in the exempt service do not receive more pay than those in the classified service with comparable duties and responsibilities.

Thus Article 5 should be revised to consider the total aspects of the classification and pay plan, to clarify its language, to make certain that the personnel officer is the officer responsible for personnel matters on a county-wide basis. As to rule making and the hearing of aggrieved employees provided in Section 550, the role of the personnel board as now envisioned should be somewhat altered. We suggest the board be increased to five members to make certain of a quorum, that its rule-proposing authority be limited to personnel matters of a non-financial character, and that its duties be largely those of an appeal board.

350.20.70 Department of Planning

The planning functions and processes of the county and its organization for carrying them out must be viewed within the context of the entire structure and functioning of the government. We have already said something about the planning-budgeting relationship. The existence of a full-time board of county commissioners will have an effect upon the role of a traditional planning board or commission. Were it not for the presence of a full-time legislative body, we might suggest a lay advisory planning board to bring citizen participation and flavor into the appeal and rezoning processes inherent in any flexible system of planning.

Planning is a staff process. The director of planning

should report to the county administrative officer. He should be responsible under the Charter for providing planning advice and developing comprehensive master plans and capital improvement programs. Zoning enforcement is to be a responsibility of the department of buildings.

The planning process is somewhat unique in that the planner is expected to both look into the future and yet deal with the practical problems of everyday economic development and growth. As these developments do affect the character and integrity of the long range plans, the director of planning could be required to receive and consider all zoning applications and make decisions upon zoning variances and conditional use permits, subject to appeal to the board of appeals. Also, the director of planning should consider and make recommendations to the board of county commissioners on applications for rezoning or original zoning. The former may prove to be burdensome and divert scarce energies and skills from the long range planning process. If so, the future may require the designation of some quasi-judicial hearing officer to hear these matters, in which instance the planners role would be that of presenting expert testimony before the hearing officer and subsequently, the board of appeals or the board of county commissioners as the case may be. Some consideration should be given to creating or authorizing a zoning hearing officer in the Charter.

560 Agreements with other Personnel Agencies

In the development of classification and pay plans, in examining and recruitment and in other aspects of personnel administration, the personnel officer may wish to enter into agreements with other governments, persons or organizations on either a continuing or special basis. If so, execution of these agreements should be the prerogative of the county executive.

570 Political Activities

Political activity on the part of employees in the "personnel system" is prohibited in regard to any elective county office. A public employee in a non-elective or non-policy making job simply can not be a civil servant one day and a politician the next. Partisan political activity in city, state, or national elections can bring the employee and the county service into public disfavor just as well as activity in regard to elective county office. The privilege of public employment does not embrace the right to unrestricted political participation. The prohibition should be broadened.

620 Powers--Board of Appeals

Under the charter draft, the board of appeals is largely a board of zoning appeals. This may be the time to empower it to hear persons aggrieved or damaged by the denial of licenses or permits as well.

740 Anti-Discrimination

This section may be saleable but now redundant.

790 Citizens Service Office

If the job of the "ombudsman" is largely to investigate inquiries and complaints concerning the executive branch, then it should not be located in the executive branch.

850 Compensation

Fixing the compensation of the county executive at one and one-half times the compensation specified by county law for county commissioners, although applicable only during the first term of office, establishes a fictitious relationship which may hold the proposed charter up to ridicule. We know of no relationship between the pay of a councilman and the pay of a chief executive. The relationship of the pay of the executive is to that of his subordinates and that of his subordinates to him. Low pay for the county executive will result in low pay for his subordinates.

Establishing a legislative-executive pay relationship may bring nothing but grief by establishing a rule under which subsequent increases for the county executive will mean corresponding increases for county commissioners. In order to accomplish subsequent changes in pay for either, some form of collusion may have to occur.

860.10 Personnel Board Members

If the personnel board is largely a grievance hearing board, we can see no objection to staggered terms. If it is to be an

active participant in personnel policy formulation and execution, staggered terms are objectionable because the personnel board could be an election issue.

860.30 Positions Exempt from the Personnel System

Exemptions from the personnel system or classified service should be warily granted. Of course, elected officers, policy-making department heads, employees of the county commissioners, and confidential secretaries to the top brass, plus specialists employed in a professional or scientific capacity deserve exempt status. Others are questionable, particularly so as many of them will be performing jobs comparable to those in the "personnel system." It would be particularly unfortunate if the elected county executive were to build up a small army of exempt appointees within his office.

The present language exempts all appointed officers of the executive branch. Who is not appointed? Who is an officer? Some clarification is in order.

Please consider adoption of a more workable numbering system for Charter sections.

Respectfully Submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John A. Donaho".

John A. Donaho,
President

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BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

A G E N D A

July 8, 1968

1. Call to Order.
2. Proposal to add language to Charter to allow the Legislative Body to make revenue estimates. (New Art. IV - "Financial Procedures"- Sec. 460).
3. The following proposals are the result of Mr. Donaho's report to the Freeholders. The changes are incorporated in pages labeled "Substitution, July 1, 1968", which were handed out at July 1 meeting.
 - a. Page 2, Sec. 220.20 -- giving subpoena power to legislative branch.
 - b. Page 3, Sec. 220.30 -- providing for board to select chairman.
 - c. Page 3, Sec. 230.10 -- adding language requiring public hearing and notice.
 - d. Page 3, Sec. 230.20, 230.30 and 230.40 -- adding language to provide for partial veto of appropriation ordinances.
 - e. Page 7, Sec. 250 -- clarifying language to indicate type of audit to be performed.
 - f. Page 7A, Sec. 260 -- establishing citizens' service office under legislative branch and giving it subpoena power.
 - g. Page 8, Sec. 320.10 and Sec. 850 on Page 30 -- changing method of determining chief executive's pay -- not less than \$30,000.
 - h. Page 10, Sec. 340.50 -- altering language on qualifications.
 - i. Page 12, Sec. 350.10.50 -- adding more definite language to purchasing procedures.
4. Selection of redistricting alternatives. (Alternative redistricting provisions were contained in the June 28th draft.)
5. Proposal that language be added to the section in the draft regarding political activities allowing county employees to participate in political activities, and that the County Administrative Officer be included within the definition of "County Employee". (New Article V, Sec. 560.)
6. It is proposed that the commissioners be reduced from 9 to 7.
7. Proposal that the Charter provide new section be added to Article I titled "Intergovernmental Relations", recognizing the County's role in joint cooperation together with any other government agency.

8. Proposal that the Charter include a new section to be added to Article IV, "Elections", to require that each candidate submit a statement of campaign expenses within 20 days after a general election.
9. Discussion of future meetings.
10. Adjournment.

M I N U T E S

FURTHER DELIBERATION ON JOHN DONAHO'S PROPOSED CHANGES TO DRAFT CHARTER AND OTHER RELATED ITEMS

July 8, 1968

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. by Chairman Richard Albrecht. Freeholders present were Mr. Ackley, Mrs. Gunby, Mr. Eberle, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Friedlander, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Wampold. Mr. Geoffroy arrived at 8:00, Mr. Block at 8:15, and Mr. Curran at 8:20 p.m. Also present were Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary, and William Hintze, representing the law office of Short, Crossman & Cable.

2. Regarding New Article IV, "Financial Procedures", Sec. 460, the following action was taken:

MOTION:

MOVED and SECONDED that the staff be directed to add language to New Article IV, Sec. 460 of the Charter, allowing the Board of County Commissioners to revise revenue estimates by a 2/3 vote.

VOTE: For, 6 Against, 2 Absent, 7

3. CONTINUATION OF DELIBERATION OF LANGUAGE CHANGES PROPOSED BY MR. DONAHO'S REPORT.

MOTION:

a. MOVED and SECONDED that the words "and to subpoena witnesses, documents and other evidence" in New Article II, Section 220.20, "Powers", be stricken.

MOTION TO AMEND:

MOVED and SECONDED that the language mentioned in the main Motion rather than being deleted, be limited to "subpoenas, documents and evidence before the Board on the condition that the witnesses called have the opportunity to be given counsel".

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: For, 9 Against, 0 Absent, 6.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION: For, 8 Against, 1 Absent, 6.

(Vote on main Motion also carried amendment).

MOTION:

b. MOVED and SECONDED that the language proposed by Mr. Donaho in New Article II, Page 3, Section 220.30 (providing for Board to select Chairman), be approved for inclusion in the Charter.

VOTE: For, 9 Against, 0 Absent, 6.

MOTION:

c. MOVED and SECONDED that the language proposed by Mr. Donaho in New Article II, Page 3, Sec. 230.10 (requiring public hearing and notice), be approved for inclusion in the Charter.

VOTE: For, 9 Against, 0 Absent, 6.

d. (This item was divided into the following three motions):

MOTION #1:

MOVED and SECONDED that the language permitting the County Executive to introduce ordinances directly be deleted (New Article II, Page 4, Sec. 230.20).

MOTION #2:

MOVED and SECONDED that Main Motion (Motion #1) be Amended to provide for partial veto of appropriation ordinances.

VOTE: For, 9 Against, 1 Absent, 5.

MOTION #3:

MOVED and SECONDED that Main Motion be Amended to provide for item veto by the executive on objects of expenses in the budget.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT (MOTION #3): For, 9 Against, 1 Absent, 5.

VOTE ON MOTION #1: For, 8 Against, 1 Not Voting, 1 Absent, 5.

e. MOTION #1:

MOVED and SECONDED that the language proposed by Mr. Donaho in new Article II, Sec. 250, "Auditor", be incorporated into the Charter; and that language be added to require a "Performance Audit" as well as a financial audit.

VOTE: For, 5 Against, 6 Absent, 4. (MOTION LOST).

MOTION #2:

MOVED and SECONDED that the language as proposed by Mr. Donaho in New Article II, Page 7, Sec. 250 (regarding type of audit to be performed), be adopted.

VOTE: For, 11 Against, 0 Absent, 4.

- f. With regard to establishing a citizens' service office under the legislative branch and giving it subpoena power, as proposed by Mr. Donaho in his New Article II, Page 7A, Sec. 260, Mr. Wampold stated that the language denied the citizen due process of law and infringed upon individual rights and freedom.

This led to the following action on the question of a citizen's service office:

MOTION #1:

MOVED and SECONDED that language proposed by Mr. Donaho be adopted for inclusion in the Charter.

MOTION #2 (Motion to Amend):

MOVED and SECONDED that Mr. Donaho's language be adopted, except for deleting the words "citizens' service" and substituting "inquiries", so that the office will be treated separately; and to add the words "to receive inquiries and complaints".

VOTE: For, 7 Against, 4 Absent, 4.

MOTION #3 (Motion to Amend):

MOVED and SECONDED that immediately after the paragraph now included (including the proposed amendments in Motions #2 and #3) this language be added: "Provided, however, that no report criticizing any individual shall be published until it has first been sealed and a hearing prior to publication be afforded to the party named before a panel of at least three Superior Court Judges, with the right of appeal to the Supreme Court prior to publication".

VOTE: For, 4 Against, 7 Absent, 4.

MOTION #4 (Motion to Amend):

MOVED and SECONDED that language proposed by Mr. Donaho be adopted, and that language be added providing that subpoena power regarding matters relating to the complaints being investigated will permit any witnesses called to have counsel present, and to present witnesses in his own behalf.

VOTE: For, 7 Against, 2 Not Voting, 2 Absent, 4.

VOTE ON MAIN MOTION (MOTION #1): For, 8 Against, 3 Absent, 4.

g. MOTION #1:

MOVED and SECONDED that language proposed by Mr. Donaho changing the determining of the Chief Executive's pay be adopted. (New Article III, Page 8, Sec. 320.10).

MOTION #2 (Substitute Motion):

MOVED and SECONDED that a salary floor of \$27,000 be adopted for the Chief Executive.

MOTION #3 (Substitute Motion):

MOVED and SECONDED that there be no language regarding the Chief Executive's salary included within the Charter.

VOTE: For, 1 Against, 9 Not Voting, 1 Absent, 4.

VOTE ON MOTION #3 carries Main Motion (#1). ENTIRE MOTION FAILED.

h. MOTION #1:

MOVED and SECONDED that additional language describing qualifications proposed by Mr. Donaho be adopted. (New Article III, Page 10, Sec. 340.50).

MOTION #2 (Substitute Motion):

MOVED and SECONDED that Sec. 340.50 be stricken, as it is "Superfluous" and constitutes a "euphemism".

VOTE: For, 2 Against, 9 Absent, 4.

VOTE ON MOTION #1: For, 9 Against, 0 Not Voting, 2 Absent, 4.

i. MOTION #1:

MOVED and SECONDED that language defining purchasing procedures proposed by Mr. Donaho in New Article III, Page 12, Sec. 350.10.50 be adopted.

MOTION #2 (Motion to Amend):

MOVED and SECONDED that language in this section be amended to refer to the same standards required under State administration for bids by contractors.

MOTION #3 (Motion to Amend):

MOVED and SECONDED that the language proposed by Mr. Donaho be amended to provide that any contract to be entered into which exceeds \$2,500 be up for bids.

VOTE: For, 9 Against, 2 Absent, 4.

There was general discussion regarding the Office of Purchasing, and Mr. McDonald suggested that purchase of real property be assigned to the Office of Properties rather than the Office of Purchasing.

4. MOTION #1:

MOVED and SECONDED that language of the Staff's first proposal for redistricting (initiated by the legislative body, then acted upon by a Commission if legislative body can't act) be adopted.

MOTION #2 (Motion to Amend):

MOVED and SECONDED that language referring to the political party membership of the redistricting committee be deleted.

VOTE: For, 2 Against, 7 Absent, 4 Not Voting, 2.

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MOTION #3:

MOVED and SECONDED that the second sentence of Sec. 430.30.20 end after the word "changed", deleting the language "except to correspond with minor changes in the boundaries of election precincts, municipalities and census tracts".

VOTE: For, 10 Against, 2 Absent, 3.

5. MOTION #1:

MOVED and SECONDED that the language prohibiting political activity on the part of county employees be deleted, and language be included making such activity permissive on the part of the employee.

VOTE: For, 2 Against, 8 Absent, 5. (Mr. Geoffroy left before vote.)

MOTION #2:

MOVED and SECONDED that the Chief Administrative Officer be prohibited from engaging in any political activities.

VOTE: For, 10 Against, 1 Absent, 4.

6. MOTION #1:

MOVED and SECONDED that the County Commissioner's salaries be fixed at no less than \$6,000 per annum.

VOTE: For, 3 Against, 5 Not voting, 2 Absent, 5.

MOTION #2:

MOVED and SECONDED that the number of county commissioners be reduced from nine to seven.

VOTE: For, 4 Against, 6 Absent, 5.

7. MOVED and SECONDED that a new section be added to Article 1, titled "Intergovernmental Relations", recognizing the County's role in joint cooperation together with any other government agency.

VOTE: For, 8 Against, 2 Absent, 5.

8. MOTION #1:

MOVED and SECONDED that proposal contained in Agenda Item #8 be tabled.

VOTE: For, 2 Against, 8 Absent, 5.

MOTION #2:

MOVED and SECONDED that action on proposal contained in Agenda Item #8 be deferred until another time.

VOTE: For, 4 Against, 3 Not Voting, 2 Absent, 6.

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8. (Continued).

MOTION #3:

MOVED and SECONDED that the staff be directed to propose new language requiring that each candidate disclose campaign expenses and contributions for both primary and general elections.

VOTE: For, 9 Against, 0 Absent, 6.

9. MOTION:

MOVED and SECONDED that schedule of future meetings as proposed by Paul Meyer be adopted.

VOTE: For, 9 Against, 0 Absent, 6.

There was general discussion regarding future meeting dates, and the Chairman mentioned that it would not be possible to have copies of the draft charter mailed to those interested before the proposed July 17th meeting date, and that the Freeholders would be advised of the future schedule. It was decided unanimously that July 17th would be used for further deliberations on the Charter.

Motion was made and passed by majority vote to adjourn meeting at 10:45 p.m.; however, as a point of personal privilege, Mr. McDonald stated that he found the draft to be unacceptable to him, and arrangements were made for him to work with the staff to propose changes at the next meeting.

ADJOURNED - 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Gunby
Virginia Gunby, Secretary

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BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

PROPOSED AGENDA FOR

July 17, 1968 MEETING

1. Call to order by Chairman Albrecht.
2. Approval of July 1st and July 8th Minutes.
3. A proposal extending employment protection to county employees not covered by the career service.
4. A proposal allowing the legislative body to act by motions (resolutions) in addition to ordinances.
5. A proposal to provide for automatic review of home rule charter no less than every ten years.
6. A proposal to reduce percentage for a referendum from ten to eight per cent.
7. A proposal to change language under the Department of Parks and Community Development regarding "open space development".
8. A proposal to consider the elements for comprehensive plans under the Department of Planning.
9. A proposal requiring all appointees to elected office vacancies to run at the next general election.
10. A proposal to add language to legislative article---"audits shall continue to be performed by the State in accordance with general law".
11. Other changes to draft charter by Freeholders.
12. Discussion of Mr. Joshi's report regarding proposed Commissioner's Districts.
13. Adjournment.

3. SUBSTITUTION FOR THE LAST SENTENCE OF SECTION 960.50:

A county employee employed in a position which is not covered by the career service on the effective date of the personnel system ✓ shall have the right to be appointed to a position which is covered by the career service which is as nearly comparable as possible to the position which he held on the effective date of the personnel system when he is removed from that position.

4. NEW SUBSECTION TO BE ADDED TO ARTICLE 2, THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH:

The board of county commissioners may pass motions to confirm or reject appointments by the county executive, to organize the legislative branch, to make declarations of policy which do not have the force of law, to request information from any other agency of county government, and concerning other administrative matters. Motions shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive, and the board of county commissioners in passing motions need not comply with the procedural requirements for the introduction, consideration and adoption of ordinances.

M I N U T E S

DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO DRAFT CHARTER

July 17, 1968

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Chairman Richard Albrecht. All Freeholders were present except Mr. O'Connor. Also present were Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary and John Strasburger, Legal Counsel.

2. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the July 1 and July 8 meetings were approved as corrected.

3. REPORT BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

Paul Meyer reported on the extent of the mailing of the preliminary draft of the Charter, explaining that it was in the process of being mailed to all civic organizations, county legislators, and individual citizens who had expressed an interest, as well as to all King County libraries.

4. PROPOSED NEW SECTION FOR CHARTER.

The Chairman called on the Legal Counsel to explain a proposed new section in the Charter, providing for a "grandfather clause". Mr. Ackley questioned the feasibility of a built-in clause in the Charter providing present County employees a "freeze-in" in their jobs. The Chairman explained that this would be covered in a new personnel system.

5. LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS.

The Chairman called on the Legal Counsel to explain Item 4 of the Agenda, which led to the following action:

MOTION:

MOVED and SECONDED that language be added to the Charter providing for the legislative body to act by motions (resolutions) in addition to ordinances.

VOTE: For, 14 Against, 0 Absent, 1

6. AUTOMATIC CHARTER REVIEW.

MOVED and SECONDED that language calling for automatic review of the Charter every ten years be added to the Charter, to be initiated by the County Executive, and calling for possible amendments or revisions to the Charter.

VOTE: For, 12 Against, 0 Absent, 1 Not Voting, 2.

7. REFERENDUM "TO REDUCE FROM TEN TO EIGHT PER CENT".

MOTION:

MOVED and SECONDED that the percentage requirement for referendum be reduced from 10 to 8 per cent.

VOTE: For, 10 Against, 3 Absent, 1 Not Voting, 1

8. CHANGE IN "OPEN SPACE" LANGUAGE.

MOTION #1:

MOVED and SECONDED to delete the word "development" after the words "open space" on Page 15, Sec. 350.20.60.

VOTE: For, 8 Against, 5 Absent, 1 Not Voting, 1.

MOTION #2:

MOVED and SECONDED to entirely delete the words "other community services" or add more explicit detail.

MOTION #3: (Motion to Amend)

MOVED and SECONDED that the words "public community services" be substituted.

MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

VOTE ON MOTION #2: For, 5 Against, 9 Absent, 1.

9. MANDATORY AND OPTIONAL ELEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

MOTION #1:

MOVED and SECONDED that language be added to the Charter to provide that the State Planning Act of 1959 requirements for comprehensive planning, applicable to general law counties, be established in the Charter. (Required elements are land use and circulation, Sec.33)

VOTE: For, 3 Against, 7 Not Voting, 4 Absent, 1.

MOTION #2:

MOVED and SECONDED that the words "and other matters beneficial to the County", which appear on Page 16, line 4, Section 350.20.70, be deleted. (Vote on Motion #3, below, carried Motion #2).

MOTION #3: (Regarding Comprehensive Plans - 350.20.70 (a)).

MOVED and SECONDED that all of Section 350.20.70 be deleted.

VOTE: For, 7 Against, 5 Not Voting, 1 Absent, 2.

10. APPOINTEES TO ELECTED OFFICES.

MOTION #1:

MOVED and SECONDED that language be added to the Charter providing that appointees who are appointed to fill unexpired terms of elected county offices be required to run at the next general election. (No vote taken).

MOTION #2:

MOVED and SECONDED that above language be amended to require all appointees to run for balance of term at next general election in the County, and to delete language which calls for County Commissioners to call a special election.

VOTE: For, 12 Against, 1 Absent, 2.

VOTE ON MOTION #2 CARRIED MAIN MOTION.

11. STATE AUDITS AFFIRMED.

MOTION:

MOVED and SECONDED that language be added to Section 250 of legislative article, stating that "Audits shall be continued to be performed by the State in accordance with general law".

VOTE: For, 12 Against, 0 Absent, 2 Not Voting, 1.

12. PERFORMANCE REPORT BY AUDITOR.

MOTION:

MOVED and SECONDED that the Staff be directed to add language to Section 250 to make certain that the County Auditor has the responsibility to review and report upon the performance of the County to assure programs in the budget have been carried out.

VOTE: For, 8 Against, 1 Not Voting, 4 Absent, 2.

13. PURCHASING MINIMUM AMOUNT.

MOTION:

MOVED and SECONDED that language in Section 350.10.50 be changed to read that competitive bids be required for any purchase made by the County in excess of \$500, rather than \$2,500.

VOTE: For, 7 Against, 6 Absent, 2.

14. ADVERTISING AND BIDS DETAILED.

MOTION #1:

MOVED and SECONDED to insert language in Section 350.10.50 requiring that a minimum of three bids be received for purchases to be made by the County for items in excess of \$500, such bids to be received by advertising.

VOTE: For, 8 Against, 5 Absent, 2.

14. (Continued).

MOTION #2.

MOVED and SECONDED that language be inserted in the Charter requiring that construction and maintenance of all public buildings and works and the operation of all proprietary functions would be by private contractors, except for County road projects having a value of less than \$15,000 for road materials, and with work to be performed by County employees.

VOTE: For, 4 Against, 8 Not Voting, 1 Absent, 2.

MOTION #3:

MOVED and SECONDED that second and third sentences of Section 350.10.50 be deleted.

VOTE: For, 4 Against, 7 Not Voting, 2 Absent, 2.

15. DISCUSSION ON DISTRICTING PROPOSALS.

MOTION #1:

MOVED and SECONDED THAT discussion of districting be postponed until all Freeholders have had more time to examine Mr. Joshi's report.

VOTE: For, 4 Against, 7 Absent, 2 Not Voting, 2.

Before continuing with discussion on Mr. Joshi's report, the Chairman allowed the following item to be considered:

CITIZEN'S INFORMATION OFFICE.

MOTION:

MOVED and SECONDED that a citizen's information office be established under the executive branch which will provide a point of contact for the individual citizen.

VOTE: For, 2 Against, 5 Absent, 2 Not Voting, 5.

The two districting proposals were endorsed by Mr. Ackley, who had to leave before adjournment. Before any further discussion was held on the districting proposals, the Chairman interjected a question as to when would be the best time for an extra meeting to discuss these proposals. The majority of Freeholders present voted for Monday, July 22.

MOTION #2:

MOVED and SECONDED that neither of Mr. Joshi's proposals for districting be accepted at this time, but that there be further discussion on them at a later date.

MOTION #3:

MOVED and SECONDED that motion on floor and reports be tabled.

VOTE: For, 8 Against, 4 Absent, 3

VOTE ON MOTION #3 carried MOTION #2.

16. MEETING ADJOURNED - 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Gunby
Virginia Gunby, Secretary

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July 10, 1968

TO: ALL FREEHOLDERS

FROM Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman

Enclosed is the report of Mr. Joshi containing his recommendations for the division of the County into nine or seven Commissioner Districts. I believe the report is self-explanatory, and the maps adequately depict the district boundaries which he proposes. You will note that he has succeeded in drawing district boundaries which result in very nearly equal population.

Because it appeared unlikely that we would be reducing the number of Commissioners to five, and because Mr. Joshi had already consumed the maximum hours available, we asked him to submit only the alternatives for nine and seven districts. He is willing to draw a proposal for five districts without additional fee if it is determined by the Freeholders that this is necessary.

Mr. Joshi's report indicates the basis upon which he approached the problem and the criteria he used in drawing district boundaries. I would hope that any proposals for amendment of these recommended district boundaries be based upon the same criteria and would be supported by arguments similar to those advanced by Mr. Joshi in support of his recommendations.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 17th, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 402 of the Courthouse. The Agenda will include a number of proposed changes which some of you wish to have considered along with discussion of Mr. Joshi's report.

As a result of the discussion Monday evening, I believe the scheduling of public hearings should remain flexible. We are, therefore, scheduling the first hearing for Wednesday, July 31, at Room 402 of the Courthouse. A second hearing will tentatively be scheduled for August 7th at a place to be announced. The scheduling of any further hearings will be delayed until we can evaluate the public response to the first hearing.

As indicated by the staff on Monday, the schedule of future meetings has been prepared with an eye toward having a final draft which can be submitted for certification to the Board of King County Commissioners on September 9th, which allows adequate time for printing and ballot arrangement prior to the November 5th general election. Working back from September 9th, further deliberating sessions are being scheduled for September 4th, August 28th, August 21st and August 13th.

RAJANIKANT N. JOSHI

1714 N.E. 58 STREET



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URBAN PLANNING CONSULTANT

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98105



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July 3, 1968

Mr. Richard R. Albrecht
Chairman, Board of King County Freeholders
905-A King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

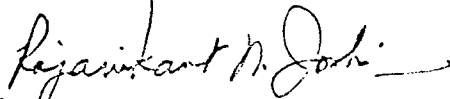
Your letter of June 21, 1968 instructed me to divide King County into either nine, seven or five parts. Each part is to contain approximately equal population and be composed of natural geographic units.

I have now completed the work and am submitting the results. This report contains two alternative methods of dividing the county, that is, into nine or seven districts each with approximately equal population. Dividing the county into five equal population districts was not completed since Mr. Paul Meyer indicated that this is not needed at this time.

I trust this report and the districting of the county meets with the approval of the Board of King County Freeholders.

I wish to thank you and the Board for giving me the opportunity to prepare this report. I also wish to thank Mr. Paul R. Meyer, your able executive secretary, and his staff for their cooperation.

Yours very truly,


Rajanikant N. Joshi

TWO ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS FOR KING COUNTY
COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICTS

A REPORT PREPARED FOR:
BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

July 3, 1968

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TWO ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS FOR KING COUNTY
COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICTS

I. Purpose and Scope of Study

The purpose and scope of the study is to divide King County, Washington, into nine or seven districts. The districts are to contain approximately equal population.

The other criteria to be considered, besides population, are:

1. The districts' boundary lines may not bisect any existing election precinct boundaries.¹ New precincts will not be created for King County Commissioner's Districts at this time.
2. As far as possible the districts are to encompass 1960 census tracts. The bisecting of census tracts is to be kept to a minimum because a large and diverse amount of data on population and housing is published for these areas by the United States Census Bureau. (See Appendix A for types of data published in 1960 by census tracts.)
3. As far as possible, the districts are to be physically contiguous and follow landmarks, such as streets, topography or water areas.
4. As far as possible, the proposed districts should not bisect 1968 boundaries of incorporated areas within King County.
5. As far as possible, the districts should have homogeneous population and economic characteristics.

II. Methodology

The methodological steps followed in dividing the county into the proposed districts are:

1. Estimating population by census tracts as of April 1, 1968. This phase was completed by the Research Departments of the King County and Seattle Planning Commissions and the State of Washington Planning and Community Affairs Agency. These agencies prepare population estimates each year based on tested demographic and land planning techniques. The data prepared by the above agencies is presented in Appendix B.

¹ Election precincts as existing on June 15, 1968.

2. The April 1, 1968 estimated population for King County is 1,193,500. This population was divided by 9 resulting in 132,611 persons per district and by 7 yielding 170,500 persons per district.
3. Population by census tracts was aggregated until approximately 132,611 or 170,500 population was achieved, keeping in mind criteria numbers 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Section I. The results obtained and the districts delimited keeping whole census tracts intact are presented in Maps 1 and 2.
4. The districts were matched with precincts and the boundaries were adjusted to ~~separate~~ precinct lines nearest to the census tract line. Since census tract boundaries and precinct boundaries so nearly coincide, population estimates were not made for the small variations. For all practical purposes, the variation would not exceed 1% of the estimated total population.

III. Results

Alternative 1. This alternative (see Map 1) presents nine county commissioner's districts. Total population in each of the commissioner's districts and percent of total county population contained in each is presented in Table 1. The census tracts included in each of the districts and their population are presented in Table 2.

Alternative 2. This alternative (see Map 2) presents seven county commissioner's districts. Total population in each of the commissioner's districts and percent of total county population contained in each is presented in Table 3. The census tracts included in each of the districts and their population are presented in Table 4.

Race and Country of Origin

Household Relationship: Population in Households, in group quarters, married couples, etc.

School Enrollment and Years of School Completed

Residence in 1955, over 5 years of age, in 1960

Family Income

Age: Total, by sex, white and non-white

Marital Status: Total and non-white, 14 years and older

Labor Force Characteristics: By age, sex, occupation; private, government, or self-employment, or unemployment, in city of Seattle, King County or Snohomish County.

Occupancy and Structure Characteristics Of Housing Unit:
Total; owned, rented, vacant, condition, rooms, bathrooms, units in structure, age, basement, heating equipment, persons and persons per room.

Characteristics of Housing Units with Non-white Household Heads:
Rented, owned, condition, rooms and persons, and persons per room, tenure, units in structure, age, value, and rent.

Housing Units, Automobiles Available, Value or Rent of Occupied Units

Household Relationship; School Enrollment and Years of School Completed; Residence in 1955; Family Income; Labor Force Characteristics for the Nonwhite Population.

†=Source: U. S. Department of Commerce. U. S. Census of Population and Housing: 1960. Census Tracts - Seattle, Wash. Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area. Final Report PHC (1)-142-(Washington, 1962).

TABLE 1: NINE COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICTS -- POPULATION

<u>District No.</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
1	131,600	11.03%
2	135,600	11.36
3	129,500	10.85
4	130,800	10.96
5	130,900	10.97
6	130,900	10.97
7	131,800	11.84
8	135,700	11.37
9	<u>136,700</u>	<u>11.45</u>
TOTAL	1,193,500	100.00%

DISTRICT 1

DISTRICT 2DISTRICT 3DISTRICT 4322

TABLE 2 (continued)

<u>Tract</u>	<u>Pop.</u>
G1	7500
G2	5200
G3	4500
G4	3500
G5	4600
G6	6400
J1	4600
J2	6500
J3	4700
K1	6100
K2	3700
K3	4400
K4	5100
K5	4500
L1	2000
L2	2000
L3	1600
L4	7700
L5	2100
M1	3600
M2	3200
M3	3500
M4	2900
M5	4400
O1	2200
O2	3100
P1	2700
P2	5600
Q1	6200
Q2	6800
Total	<u>130900</u>

<u>DISTRICT 6</u>	
<u>Tract</u>	<u>Pop.</u>
O3	1600
P3	8000
Q3	6300
R1A	3000
R2	7600
R3A	5900
R3B	5500
R4A	6100
R4B	7700
R5A	3500
R5B	14800
KC12	17800
KC60	3000
KC61	6200
KC62	8600
RE1	9000
RE2	2900
RE3	2500
RE4	3600
RE5	3800
TU41	3500
Total	130900

<u>DISTRICT 7</u>	
<u>Tract</u>	<u>Pop.</u>
N1	5200
N2	7300
N3	12400
N4	6300
O4A	4800
O4B	2900
R1B	3600
S1A	7800
S1B	6100
S2	11300
S3	12900
U1	3400
U2	4300
KC35	4300
KC45	8000
KC46	4400
KC47	5900
KC53	8900
KC54	6400
KC57	2200
KC58	3400
<u>Total</u>	<u>131800</u>

<u>DISTRICT 8</u>	
<u>Tract</u>	<u>Pop.</u>
KC21	15800
KC23	6300
KC24	21600
KC31	11300
KC32	8500
KC33	6800
KC37	17300
KC38	3100
KC42	2500
KC43	2900
KC44	4400
KC48	5700
KC49	8600
KC50	3200
KC51	3400
KC52	3400
KC59	6800
NP109	<u>4100</u>
Total	135700

<u>DISTRICT 9</u>	
<u>Tract</u>	<u>Pop.</u>
AU1	18400
EN1	3900
KC1	700
KC2	2200
KC3	1900
KC4	12600
KC6	10100
KC7	1900
KC8	800
KC9	400
KC10	5400
KC13	8600
KC14	5400
KC15	6500
KC16	7000
KC18	7700
KC19	4700
KC20	3900
KC25	5300
KC26	3500
KC27	3400
KC28	4400
KC29	2900
KC30	200
KE1	<u>14900</u>
Total	136700

TABLE 3: SEVEN COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICTS -- POPULATION

DISTRICT NO.	POPULATION	PERCENT OF TOTAL
1	170,200	14.26%
2	170,700	14.30
3	169,500	14.20
4	171,600	14.38
5	170,700	14.30
6	170,400	14.28
7	<u>170,400</u>	<u>14.28</u>
TOTAL	1,193,500	100.00%

TABLE 4: CENSUS TRACTS INCLUDED IN SEVEN COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICTS AND THEIR POPULATION

<u>DISTRICT 1</u>		<u>DISTRICT 2</u>		<u>DISTRICT 3</u>	
<u>Tract</u>	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Tract</u>	<u>Pop.</u>	<u>Tract</u>	<u>Pop.</u>
A1	7100	D1	4700	F1A	400
A2	6600	D2	5300	F1B	7200
A3	6300	D3	5400	F1C	7500
A4	7800	D4	8300	F2	8600
A5	5100	D5	9300	G1	7500
B1	4800	D6	11000	G2	5200
B2	4800	D7	1800	G3	4500
B3	4300	D8	3300	G4	3500
B4	3900	D9	1400	G5	4600
B5	4900	D10	2300	G6	6400
B6	5600	D11	3600	H1	5000
C1	5900	D12	1900	H2	4800
C2	5100	E1	3100	H3	2400
C3	3600	E2	4500	I1	4700
C4	2700	E3	3700	I2	6000
T5	3900	E4	4300	I3	4400
T6	3500	T1	300	J1	4600
T7	6700	T2	5800	J2	6500
T8	4700	T3	4100	J3	4700
T9	2600	T4	3500	K1	6100
T10	5200	T13	2400	K2	3700
T11	3400	T14	1800	K3	4400
T12	4000	T15	2800	K4	5100
T18	6100	T16	2200	K5	4500
T19	8500	T17	4100	L1	2000
T20	3900	T22	7800	L2	2000
T21	2900	T23	4200	L3	1600
KC77	10800	KC70	6800	L4	7700
KC78	3100	KC71	5700	L5	2100
KC79	5300	KC72	3100	M1	3600
KC80	8000	KC73	7100	M2	3200
KC86	6300	KC74	3100	M3	3500
KC87	2800	KC75	2200	M4	2900
		KC76	9600	M5	4400
Total	<u>170200</u>	KC81	6400	O1	2200
		KC82	3600	O2	3100
		KC83	4800	P1	2700
		KC84	800	Q1	6200
		KC85	4600		
		Total	<u>170700</u>	Total	<u>169500</u>

<u>DISTRICT 4</u>	
<u>Tract</u>	<u>Pop.</u>
BV1	9200
BV2	2800
BV3	4800
KC1	700
KC2	2200
KC3	1900
KC4	12600
KC6	10100
KC7	1900
KC8	800
KC9	400
KC10	5400
KC11	12600
KC63	8300
KC64	5100
KC65	13400
KC68	5600
KC69	6900
KC110	9000
KC111	36000
KC112	13600
K11	8300
Total	<u>171600</u>

DISTRICT 5

<u>Tract</u>	<u>Pop.</u>
N1	5200
N2	7300
N3	12400
N4	6300
O3	1600
O4A	4800
O4B	2900
P2	5600
P3	8000
Q2	6800
Q3	6300
R1A	3000
R1B	3600
R2	7600
R3A	5900
R3B	5500
R4A	6100
R4B	7700
R5A	3500
R5B	14800
S1A	7800
S1B	6100
S2	11300
S3	12900
U1	3400
U2	4300
Total	<u>170700</u>

<u>DISTRICT 6</u>	
<u>Tract</u>	<u>Pop.</u>
AU1	18400
EN1	3900
KC12	17800
KC13	8600
KC14	5400
KC15	6500
KC16	7000
KC18	7700
KC19	4700
KC20	3900
KC25	5300
KC26	3500
KC27	3400
KC28	4400
KC29	2900
KC30	200
KC38	3100
KC42	2500
KC50	3200
KC60	3000
KC61	6200
KC62	8600
KE1	14900
RE1	9000
RE2	2900
RE3	2500
RE4	3600
RE5	3800
TU41	3500
Total	<u>170400</u>

<u>DISTRICT 7</u>	
<u>Tract</u>	<u>Pop.</u>
KC21	15800
KC23	6300
KC24	21600
KC31	11300
KC32	8500
KC33	6800
KC35	4300
KC37	17300
KC43	2900
KC44	4400
KC45	8000
KC46	4400
KC47	5900
KC48	5700
KC49	8600
KC51	3400
KC52	3400
KC53	8900
KC54	6400
KC57	2200
KC58	3400
KC59	6800
NP109	4100
Total	<u>170400</u>

ESTIMATED POPULATION BY CENSUS TRACTS,
KING COUNTY LESS SEATTLE: APRIL 1, 1968

Census Tract	Population 4/1/60	Net Added Units 4/1/60-68	Est. Occupied Added Units ^a	Average Household Size 4/1/60	Tentative Added Pop. 4/1/60-68	Tentative Total Pop. 4/1/68	Adjusted Total Pop. 4/1/68
County Less Seattle	377, 927 ^b	64, 761	61, 523	3. 49	214, 715	592, 642	607, 000 ^c
AU - 1	11933	2105	2001	3. 17	6343	18276	18400
BV - 1	7182	555	527	3. 62	1908	9090	9200
BV - 2	2123	186	177	3. 42	605	2728	2800
BV - 3	3504	366	348	3. 60	1253	4757	4800
EN - 1	3269	89	85	2. 79	569	3838	3900
KC - 1	670	21	20	3. 03	61	731	700
KC - 2	1451	84	80	3. 17	694	2145	2200
KC - 3	1433	122	116	3. 63	421	1854	1900
KC - 4	6156	1017	966	3. 34	6379	12535	12600
KC - 6	6073	1304	1239	3. 19	3952	10025	10100
KC - 7	1467	124	118	3. 22	380	1847	1900
KC - 8	709	30	28	3. 56	100	809	800
KC - 9	294	20	19	3. 20	61	355	400
KC - 10	4414	325	309	3. 13	967	5381	5400
KC - 11	6568	1557	1479	4. 03	5960	12528	12600
KC - 12	7714	2773	2635	3. 77	9934	17648	17800
KC - 13	3049	1635	1553	3. 54	5498	8547	8600
KC - 14	3515	583	554	3. 30	1828	5343	5400
KC - 15	3165	973	924	3. 54	3271	6436	6500
KC - 16	3564	953	905	3. 69	3339	6903	7000

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KC - 18	2054	1592	1512	3.72	5625	7679	7700
KC - 19	2173	763	725	3.39	2458	4631	4700
KC - 20	1523	664	631	3.65	2303	3826	3900
KC - 21	5687	3028	2878	3.48	10015	15702	15800
KC - 23	5182	366	348	3.07	1068	6250	6300
KC - 24	8536	3786	3599	3.57	12848	21384	21600
KC - 25	3418	529	503	3.68	1851	5269	5300
KC - 26	2458	299	284	3.68	1045	3503	3500
KC - 27	2305	347	330	3.26	1076	3381	3400
KC - 28	3093	379	360	3.43	1235	4328	4400
KC - 29	2339	161	153	3.25	497	2836	2900
KC - 30	197	17	16	2.73	44	241	200
KC - 31	6441	1484	1410	3.37	4752	11193	11300
KC - 32	5966	753	715	3.47	2481	8447	8500
KC - 33	5037	437	415	4.04	1677	6714	6800
KC - 35	3854	113	107	3.69	395	4249	4300
KC - 37	10524	1832	1740	3.81	6629	17153	17300
KC - 38	2227	225	214	3.81	815	3042	3100
KC - 42	2006	157	149	3.36	501	2507	2500
KC - 43	2200	205	195	3.32	647	2847	2900
KC - 44	2261	600	570	3.61	2058	4319	4400
KC - 45	6386	473	449	3.52	1580	7966	8000
KC - 46	3575	243	231	3.60	832	4407	4400
KC - 47	4826	273	259	3.77	976	5802	5900
KC - 48	5067	180	171	3.56	609	5676	5700

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KC - 49	5912	773	734	3.53	2591	8503	8600
KC - 50	2805	129	123	3.37	415	3220	3200
KC - 51	2030	422	401	3.33	1335	3365	3400
KC - 52	2789	171	162	3.57	578	3367	3400
KC - 53	7105	478	454	3.70	1680	8785	8900
KC - 54	4685	474	450	3.69	1660	6345	6400
KC - 57	1905	78	74	3.28	243	2148	2200
KC - 58	3227	35	33	4.22	139	3366	3400
KC - 59	5026	542	515	3.29	1694	6720	6800
KC - 60	2779	84	80	2.59	207	2986	3000
KC - 61	4053	632	600	3.50	2100	6153	6200
KC - 62	7523	290	276	3.48	960	8483	8600
KC - 63	4087	1232	1170	3.57	4177	8264	8300
KC - 64	1902	921	875	3.66	3202	5104	5100
KC - 65	10235	929	882	3.41	3008	13243	13400
KC - 68	3292	676	642	3.50	2247	5539	5600
KC - 69	3965	829	788	3.62	2853	6818	6900
KC - 70	2170	1462	1389	3.31	4598	6768	6800
KC - 71	3215	764	726	3.39	2461	5676	5700
KC - 72	2069	338	321	3.13	1005	3074	3100
KC - 73	3692	1026	975	3.44	3354	7046	7100
KC - 74	2099	265	252	3.71	935	3034	3100
KC - 75	1213	297	282	3.51	990	2203	2200
KC - 76	6746	793	753	3.70	2786	9532	9600
KC - 77	7013	1046	994	3.71	3688	10701	10800

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KC - 78	2604	147	140	3.44	482	3086	3100
KC - 79	3796	399	379	3.96	1501	5297	5300
KC - 80	6103	506	481	3.72	1789	7892	8000
KC - 81	5527	219	208	3.76	782	6309	6400
KC - 82	3117	135	128	3.55	454	3571	3600
KC - 83	3273	424	403	3.58	1443	4716	4800
KC - 84	725 ^d	-	-	-	-	725	800
KC - 85	4100	141	134	3.55	476	4576	4600
KC - 86	4608	482	458	3.67	1681	6289	6300
KC - 87	2233	178	169	3.51	593	2826	2800
KC - 110	6606	670	637	3.61	2300	8906	9000
KC - 111	13646	5983	5687	3.88	22066	35712	36000
KC - 112	3941	2782	2644	3.60	9518	13459	13600
KE - 1	9017	1876	1783	3.25	5795	14812	14900
KI - 1	6025	782	743	3.00	2229	8254	8300
NP - 109	3224	219	208	4.11	855	4079	4100
RE - 1	6015	833	791	3.63	2871	8886	9000
RE - 2	2471	121	115	3.72	428	2899	2900
RE - 3	3197	-246	-246	2.82	-694	2503	2500
RE - 4	3058	183	174	2.70	470	3528	3600
RE - 5	3712	25	24	2.65	64	3776	3800
TU - 41	1804	488	464	3.54	1643	3447	3500

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a A vacancy ratio of 5% has been used (County average) as compared with 9.1% in 1960.

b This figure includes 3850 people (about 1%) who lived in group quarters in 1960.

c This figure includes 4,000 people estimated to be living in group quarters in 1968. Figures do not total due to rounding.

d KC - 84 encompasses Firland Sanitarium (a group quarter) with no housing units.

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TABLE 1

POPULATION OF SEATTLE BY MAJOR DIVISIONS: 1960 AND 1968

Major Divisions	Population April 1, 1960	Population April 1, 1968	Amount of Change 1960-1968	Percent Change 1960-1968
Seattle, 4-1-68 Limits	587,667	587,669	29,913	5.4
Brookview-Lake City	82,845	94,400	11,555	13.9
Ballard	46,033	46,500	462	1.0
Greenlake-Wallingford	47,281	47,600	319	0.7
University-Rainier	55,662	58,300	2,638	4.7
Magnolia	21,914	23,700	1,786	8.1
Queen Anne	20,972	31,700	2,728	9.4
Capitol Hill-Nadrona	74,424	77,500	3,076	4.0
Downtown	30,906	27,700	- 3,206	- 10.6
Rainier Valley-Mt. Baker	36,740	37,200	452	1.2
West Seattle	83,895	88,300	4,405	5.3
Columbia-Rainier Beach	48,262	54,100	5,838	12.1

Source: Table 2

TABLE 2

TOTAL POPULATION OF SEATTLE BY CENSUS TRACTS: 1950 AND 1960

Census Tracts	Population April 1, 1950	Estimated Population April 1, 1960	Amount of Change 1950-1960	Percent Change 1950-1960
Seattle, 4-1-68 Limits	557,067	587,000	29,913	5.4
A - 1	7,280	7,160	- 120	- 1.7
2	6,751	6,600	- 151	- 2.2
3	5,816	6,310	494	8.5
4	7,227	7,800	573	8.0
5	5,220	5,100	- 120	- 2.3
B - 1	4,918	4,800	- 118	- 2.4
2	4,773	4,800	27	0.6
3	4,307	4,300	- 7	- 0.2
4	3,977	3,900	- 77	- 1.9
5	4,674	4,800	226	4.8
6	5,091	5,600	509	10.0
C - 1	6,550	5,900	- 650	- 10.0
2	4,286	5,100	814	19.0
3	3,744	3,600	- 144	- 3.8
4	2,827	2,700	- 127	- 4.5
D - 1	4,968	4,700	- 268	- 5.4
2	5,105	5,300	194	3.8
3	5,205	5,400	195	3.7
4	8,002	8,300	298	3.7
5	8,732	9,300	568	6.5
6	8,638	11,000	2,362	27.3
7	1,810	1,800	- 10	- 0.6
8	4,370	3,300	- 1,070	- 24.5
9	1,319	1,400	81	6.1
10	2,131	2,300	169	7.9
11	3,616	3,600	- 16	- 0.4
12	1,835	1,900	65	3.5
E - 1	2,843	3,100	257	9.0
2	4,612	4,500	- 112	- 2.4
3	3,805	3,700	- 105	- 2.8
4	4,254	4,300	46	1.1
F - 1A	698	400	- 298	- 42.7
1B	7,291	7,200	- 91	- 1.2
1C	6,837	7,500	663	9.7
2	7,003	8,600	1,597	22.8
G - 1	6,503	7,500	997	15.3
2	4,355	5,200	845	19.4
3	3,856	4,500	644	16.7
4	3,762	3,500	- 262	- 7.0
5	4,425	4,600	175	3.9
6	6,051	6,400	349	5.8

General Tracts	Population April 1, 1910	Estimated Population April 1, 1921	Amount of Change 1910-1921	Percent Change 1910-1921
B - 1	4,502	5,000	498	9.1
2	4,000	4,000	100	2.5
3	2,721	2,400	- 321	- 11.8
I - 1	4,000	4,700	700	17.5
2	5,000	6,000	1,000	20.0
3	4,400	4,400	0	0.0
J - 1	4,523	4,600	77	1.7
2	6,500	6,500	0	0.0
3	4,700	4,700	0	0.0
K - 1	5,000	5,100	100	2.0
2	3,700	3,700	0	0.0
3	4,500	4,500	0	0.0
4	4,300	5,100	800	18.6
5	4,400	4,500	100	2.3
L - 1	2,127	2,000	- 127	- 6.0
2	2,324	2,000	- 324	- 13.9
3	2,507	1,600	- 907	- 36.2
4	6,319	7,700	1,381	22.0
5	2,207	2,100	- 107	- 4.8
M - 1	3,737	3,600	- 137	- 3.7
2	3,710	3,200	- 510	- 13.8
3	3,900	3,500	- 400	- 10.3
4	3,017	2,900	- 117	- 3.9
5	4,000	4,400	400	10.0
N - 1	4,000	5,200	1,200	30.0
2	7,300	7,300	0	0.0
3	11,800	12,400	600	5.1
4	5,877	6,300	423	7.2
O - 1	2,200	2,200	0	0.0
2	3,416	3,100	- 316	- 9.3
3	2,021	1,600	- 421	- 20.8
4	4,773	4,800	27	0.6
5	2,570	2,900	330	12.8
P - 1	2,001	2,700	700	35.0
2	4,000	5,000	1,000	25.0
3	7,700	8,000	300	3.9
Q - 1	5,501	6,200	700	12.7
2	6,000	6,000	0	0.0
3	6,200	6,300	100	1.6

Census Tract	Population April 1, 1960	Estimated Population April 1, 1968	Amount of Change 1960-1968	Percent Change 1960-1968
R - 1A	3,491	3,000	- 491	- 11.8
1B	3,492	3,000	- 198	- 5.8
2	7,577	7,400	- 23	- 0.3
3A	4,759	5,000	1,141	24.0
3B	5,311	5,500	189	3.6
4A	5,081	6,100	259	4.4
4B	6,002	7,700	1,698	28.3
5A	2,859	3,500	641	22.4
5B	12,512	14,800	2,288	18.3
S - 1A	7,329	7,800	471	6.4
1B	6,580	6,100	- 480	- 7.3
2	9,733	11,300	1,567	16.1
3	12,384	12,900	516	4.3
Y - 1	218	300	82	37.6
2	4,869	5,800	931	19.6
3	3,554	4,100	146	3.7
4	3,186	3,500	314	9.9
5	3,823	3,900	77	2.0
6	2,597	3,500	503	16.8
7	6,333	6,700	367	5.8
8	4,393	4,700	302	6.9
9	2,425	2,600	175	7.2
10	5,034	5,200	166	3.3
11	3,138	3,400	262	8.3
12	3,103	4,000	897	28.7
13	2,284	2,400	106	4.6
14	1,631	1,800	169	10.4
15	2,729	2,800	71	2.6
16	2,127	2,200	73	3.4
17	3,136	4,100	964	30.7
18	5,421	6,100	679	12.5
19	6,743	8,500	1,757	26.1
20	3,585	3,900	315	8.8
21	2,681	2,900	219	8.2
22	6,076	7,800	1,724	28.4
23	2,959	4,200	1,241	41.9
U - 1	2,851	3,400	549	19.3
2	4,237	4,300	63	1.5

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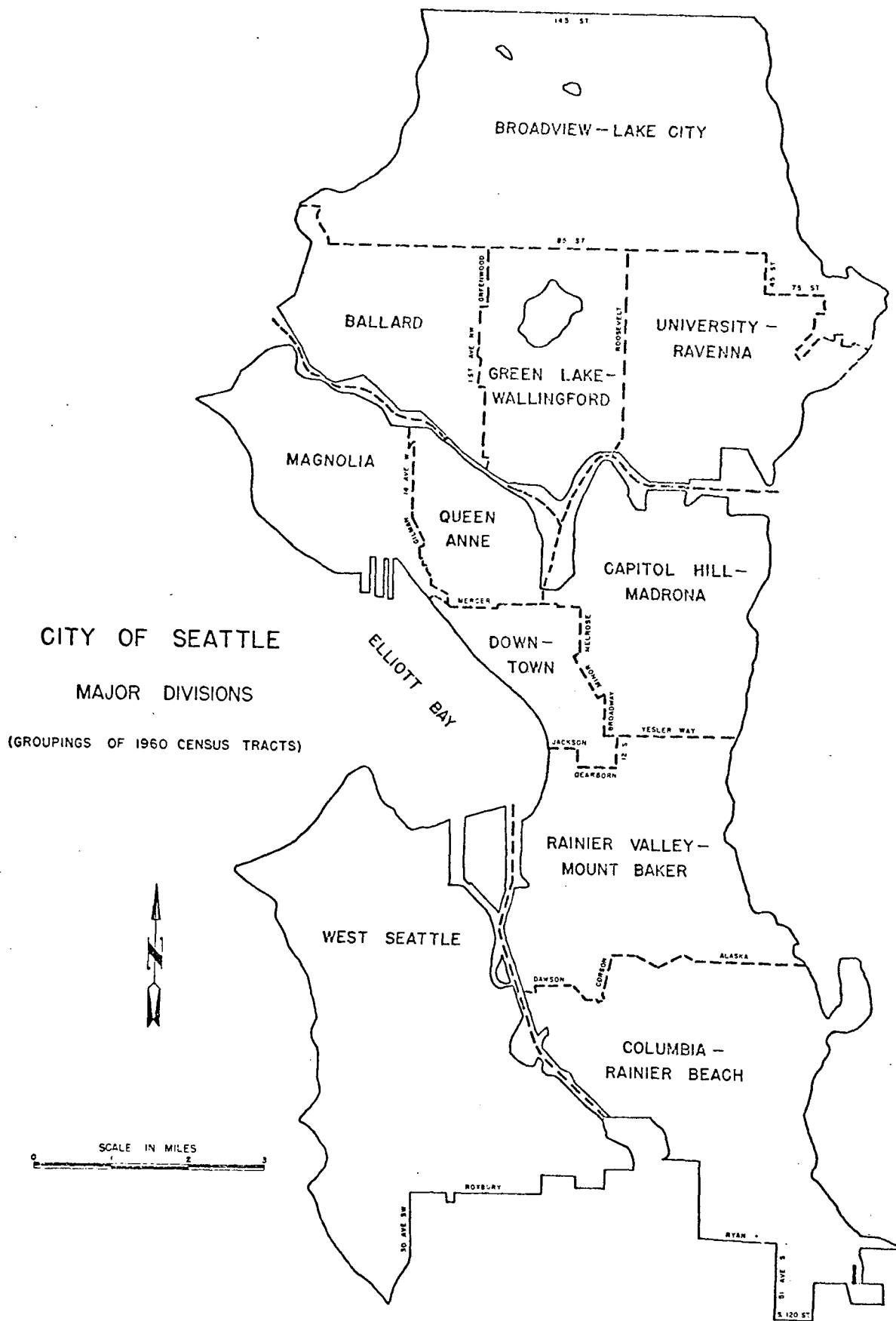
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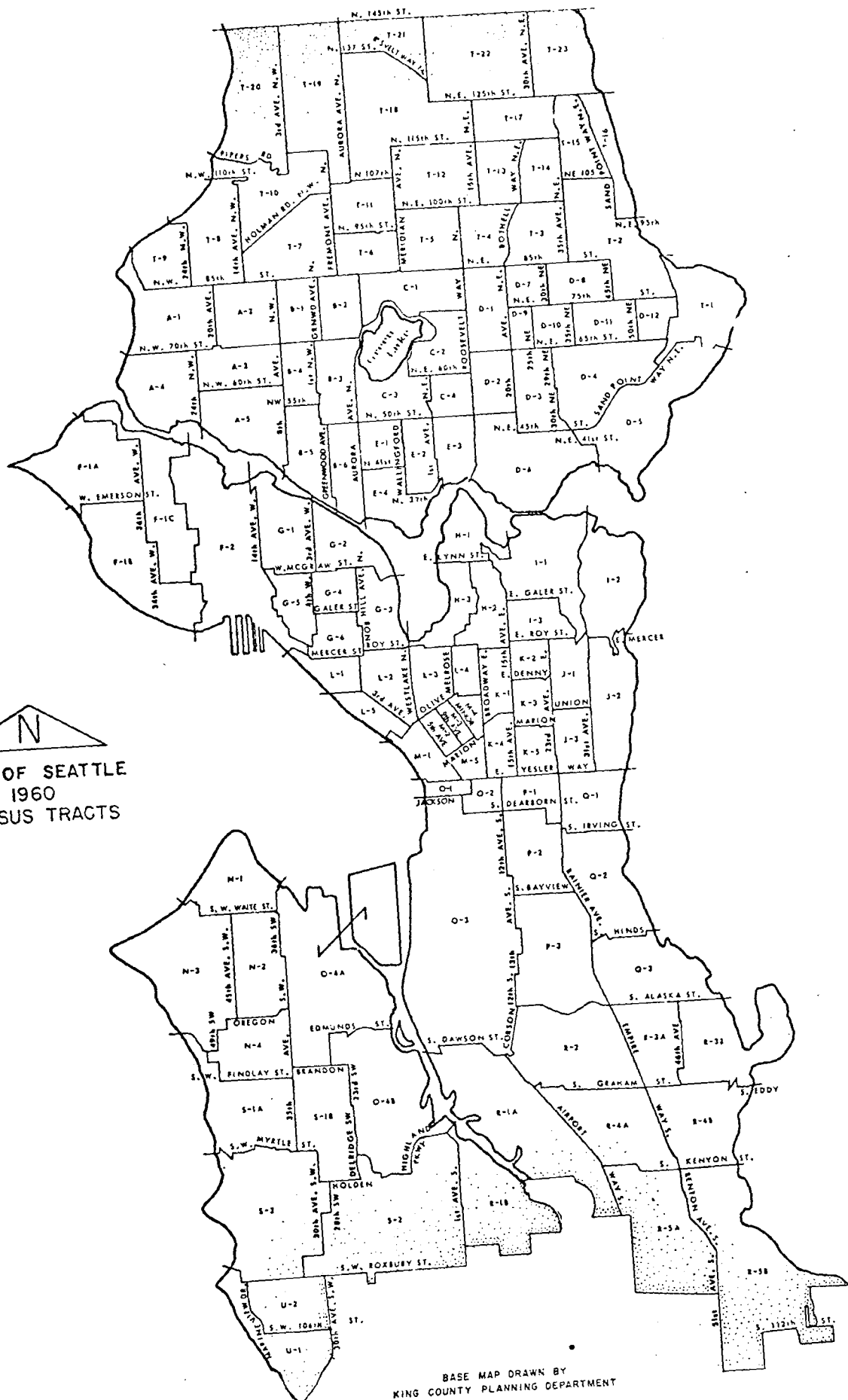
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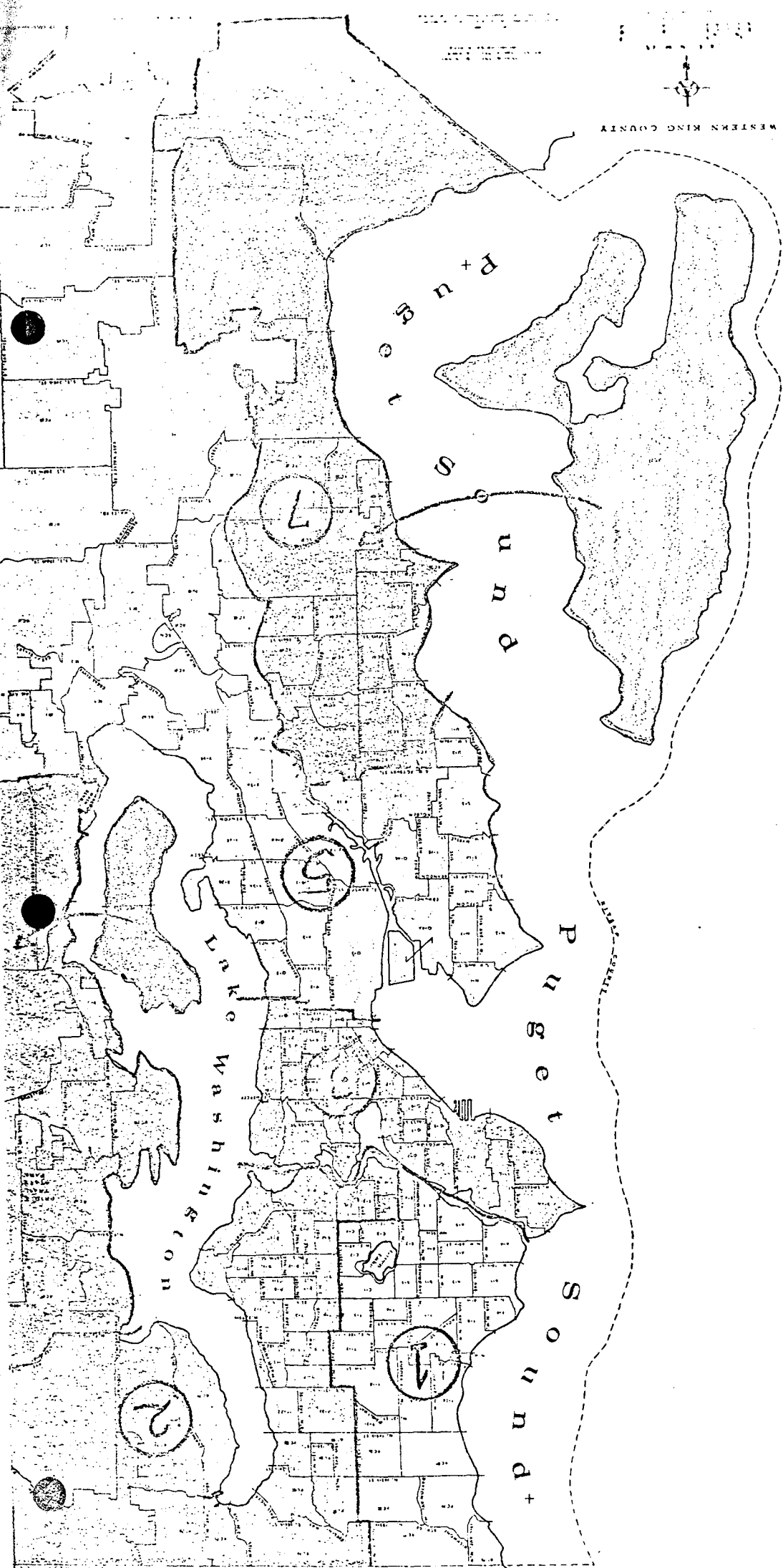
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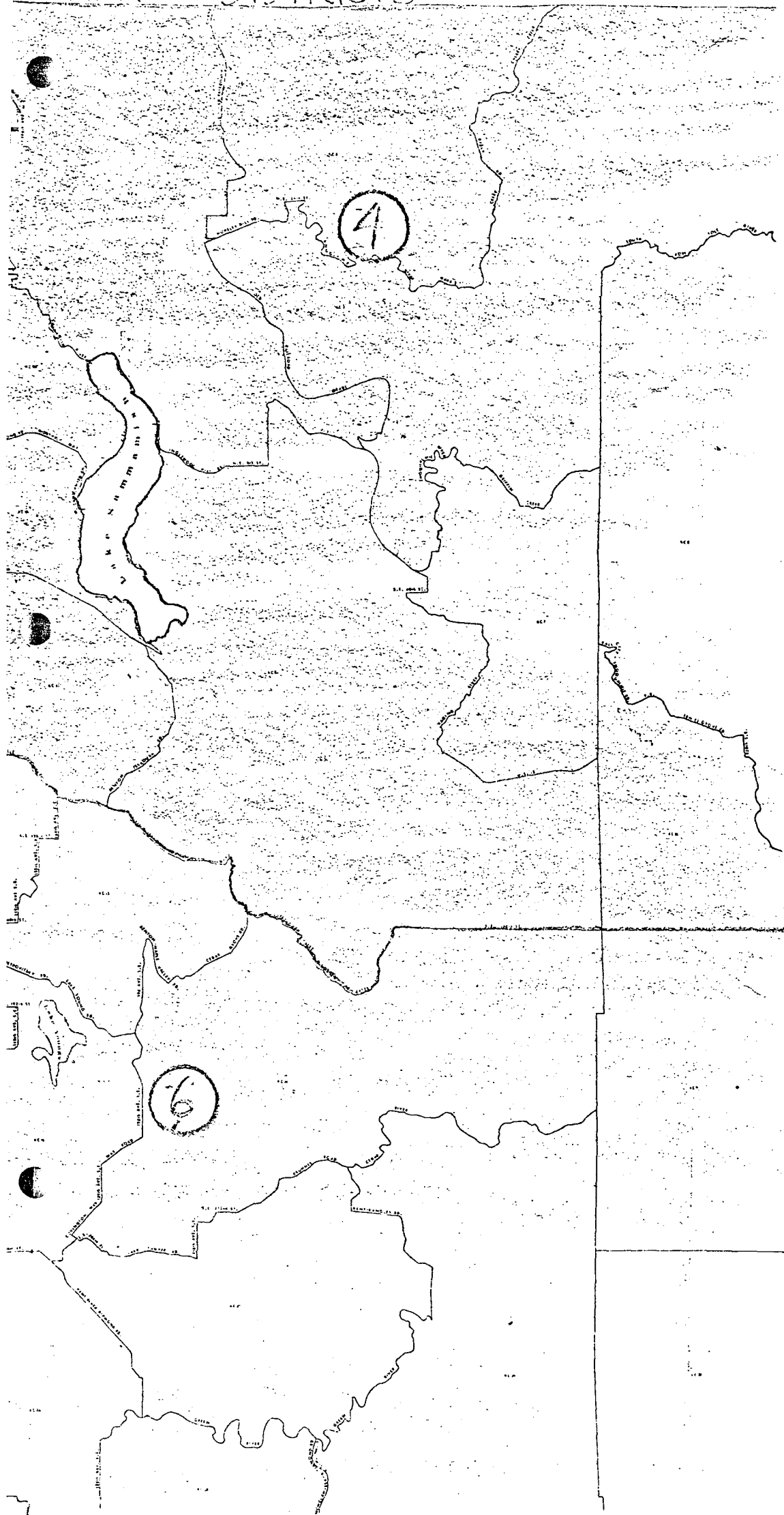
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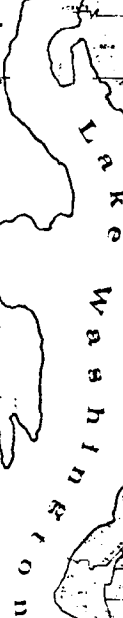
1. Call to order by Chairman Albrecht.
2. Further discussion Mr. Joshi's report and proposed alternatives.
3. Counsel's request for clarification of contracting and public works-revision.
4. Adjournment.



MAP 2: SEVEN COMMISS

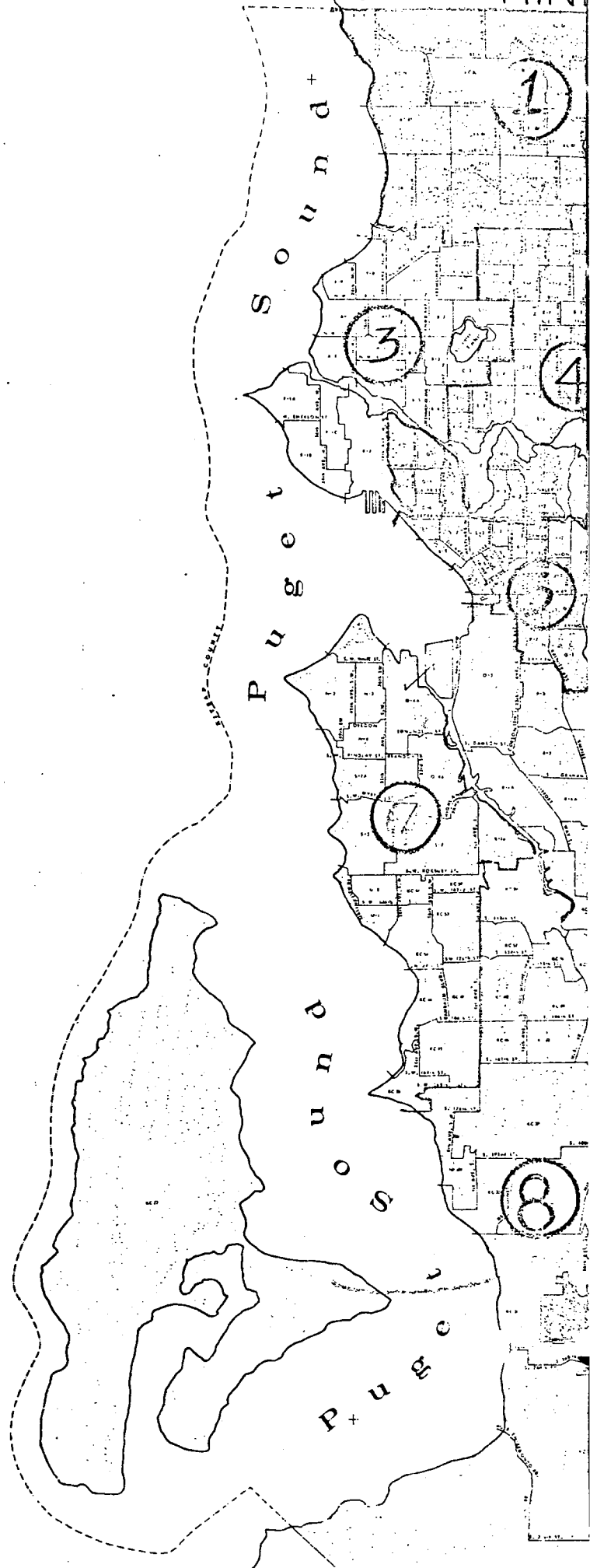
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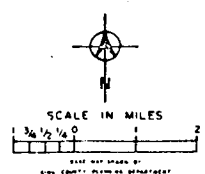


COMMISSIONERS' DISTRICTS

MAP 1: NINT



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BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON DISTRICTING PROPOSALS AND OTHER PROPOSED CHANGES TO DRAFT CHARTER

(Continuation of Discussion of July 17, 1968)

July 22, 1968

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Albrecht at 7:45 p.m. All Freeholders were present with the exception of Mrs. North, Mr. Ackley, Mr. Schneider and Mr. McDonald, who was in the hospital recovering from a knee injury. Also present were Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary, and John Strasburger, Legal Counsel.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIRMAN AND REPORT BY FREEHOLDER O'CONNOR.

The Chairman called to the attention of the Freeholders the memorandum from Mrs. North setting forth her position on "Districting and Redistricting of the County Commissioner Districts". Mrs. North requested that her memorandum be added to the minutes.

At the suggestion of Mr. McKenna, the Chairman called upon Mr. O'Connor to clarify his districting statements made to the Seattle Times after the meeting of July 17th. Mr. O'Connor had prepared a statement for the Seattle Times after he read the morning P-I report of the Freeholders' discussion of the districting problem. He indicated that he felt the report was not complete and that press coverage on this item could have a definite bearing on the chances for approval of the Charter.

3. DISTRICTING REPORT OF MR. R. JOSHI.

Before taking any action on the two proposals for districting and the report of Mr. Joshi, the Chairman called upon all of the Freeholders for any comments they wished to make on the districting of the county.

The Freeholders' comments were as follows:

Mr. Wampold:

He questioned the feasibility of using either of Mr. Joshi's districting proposals, as neither was, in his opinion, acceptable. Although the proposals were technically well drawn, according to population, neither paid any attention to social and political factors. He stated that Mrs. Jeannette Williams, Chairman of the King County Central Democratic Committee, had looked over the proposals and said that acceptance of either of them would make King County "Forever Republican". Mr. Wampold felt that each district should be carefully

drawn to combine people of similar interests, background and aspirations. He suggested that the Freeholders form a committee as a whole, and have a public hearing strictly for districting proposals, and let the Democratic and Republican parties appear, as well as representatives from the Central District, Shoreline District, and any other interested individuals or groups who wished to make suggestions as to districting. He believed the Freeholders should do the districting themselves, as they were elected by the people to do all of the work connected with the Charter.

Mr. Geoffroy:

Since the Freeholders had very carefully looked into how many commissioner districts there should be---they should stick to the nine as originally planned. Mr. Joshi's report never really met the requirements of Section 430.30.10, calling for "boundaries to be compact and contiguous territory". The Freeholders should ask Mr. Joshi to come back and draw alternate plans so that he could present a better districting plan to meet the requirements of the Freeholders. If a better way cannot be found to draw the nine commissioner districts, then the best plan would be to use the three existing commissioner districts until 1970---at which time the nine districts would be established.

Mr. Block:

The people of South King County feel that whatever changes are suggested there will need to be some rather substantial adjustments made in view of the conflict it would possibly cause. It would be much wiser to use the three existing commissioner districts, and follow the procedure as outlined in Lois North's proposal. If the Freeholders get into redistricting, common bonds gained in trying to arrive at new government for the County will dissolve. At Mrs. Gunby's query, Mr. Block indicated his support for nine districts.

Mr. Eberle:

Enough discussion has now taken place that we can see the end in sight. It should be no surprise that it takes much discussion to reach an answer to an intricate and most significant question. The Board can afford to spend the time to come up with a plan that will be satisfactory. Basically, Mr. Eberle supports nine districts. Politics should be taken into account in a districting proposal. The districts should be established to disperse political activities throughout the County. Supports districting plan to be drawn by the Freeholders themselves that will allow for community of interests.

Mr. O'Connor:

First of all, the Freeholders made a decision for nine commissioners, and should stick to it. It is no tougher to draw nine districts than seven. With respect to the nine commissioner district proposal, he feels Mr. Joshi did a fine job, with one glaring exception---this being District #9. He then submitted his districting proposal.

Mr. Curran:

Is disappointed that the districting question got into a political atmosphere---it has not contributed anything, except to cause dissension. It sounds like the political leaders are calling "wolf" in the situation before they know whether or not there is a wolf. Could support either one of the plans, except that the nine-district plan would have to be altered a little bit because of District #9. He has done his own research into political implications, and found just the opposite of what had been reported by one political leader. We should not waste time going on with a lot of hearings on districting. We should try to accept one of the two proposals submitted, and do a little revising ourselves, if necessary. He supports the nine-man board of commissioners.

Mr. McKenna:

We have all formally included partisan government in our Charter. If we are going to have full-time commissioners, nine men are too many. Seven could do the job. However, Mr. Joshi's program, although technically skilful---is not the answer to districting. Mr. Joshi can be used to redraw either proposal---with very little revising, either proposal could be suitable. We should end up with a moderate committee appointed by the Chairman to monitor Mr. Joshi's work to assure that he will take into account all of the points of view of the Board, and come up with something more acceptable to all.

Mrs. Gunby:

Firstly, the Freeholders should not be involved in the redrawing of the district lines, nor should there be hearings on this issue. This is a job for Mr. Joshi, and if neither of them is acceptable---he should redraw the lines to suit the Freeholders. She does not find the nine-district proposal acceptable---particularly District #9, which runs from the Pierce to Snohomish County lines. There is not community of interest displayed in the present proposal. Any districts which do not represent a homogeneous community are inappropriate and we'd lose the Charter because of the reaction from the central city. The nine-district proposal should be redrawn, taking into account the attitudes of the areas to their present state legislative districts. Commissioners should stay at nine, or we definitely should give the "inner city" and the "outer city" the voting areas that represent their interests. Try to keep Seattle's interests within the districts rather than to way out into areas that are developing differently from the already developed area of the city.

Mr. Bothell:

Since he supports nine commissioner districts, he'll pass on the seven-district proposal altogether. On the nine Commissioner district map, it is Mr. Bothell's understanding that we are trying to make county government more responsive to the people---and the way the nine commissioner districts are laid out in Proposal No. 1, he does not see how Map #1 could do this. Objection No. 1 is that it cuts the Valley in half. Objection No. 2 is that District #9 runs from the Pierce County line to the Snohomish County line, and a commissioner district this large can't be responsive to the people.

An alternative is possible to change the proposal splitting the Valley---but there should be more discussion on it. He does not feel it should be necessary to retain Mr. Joshi any longer on a fee basis---he has done a fairly good job, but the Freeholders now have a good basis from which to work---and they should go ahead and do the districting on a nine commissioner basis themselves.

Mr. Friedlander:

Redistricting effort can defeat the work of the Freeholders. Points out again that he is the only Freeholder who voted for a non-partisan form of government---but since we have a partisan government, presents the following thoughts:

1. Either forget Mr. Joshi's proposals altogether, and go back to a three commissioners from each of the present three districts basis, or
2. Set up a procedure for selecting the districts after the Charter has been adopted.

We should not try to district to please either party---we're supposed to be trying to give better government to King County---or at least more efficient government---he doesn't care which party governs King County, so try not to make any decisions based on political reasons. Also, he pointed out that approximately 25% of the Board was missing at this meeting, and urged that no decision be reached.

Mr. Albrecht:

In his opinion, Mr. Joshi has done an excellent job doing exactly what he was supposed to do---and that is to propose some district boundaries. No one should have expected a miracle such as having him come up with a proposal that would actually please everybody. We have before us now the tools we need in order to district, and can use Mr. Joshi's boundaries as a starting point. Agrees with Mr. O'Connor that we can come up with some satisfactory changes ourselves. Most of the complaints from South King County are legitimate---and concerned particularly the fact the districts went all the way from the Pierce to Snohomish County lines, and also there was some concern about not going over to the Sound. There is no way to make everybody happy---all we can do is make as many people happy as possible. He is unalterably opposed to using the present three commissioner districts. There is no "magic" in those commissioner districts---they have no bearing whatsoever on what the districts should look like when we have nine single-member districts, creating an entirely different sort of Board of County Commissioners. We are not redistricting---we are drawing new district boundaries. Mr. Albrecht stated he was disappointed that there was not more constructive criticism from the Freeholders voicing objections. Everyone has all of the population figures for each of the census tracts, and the tools necessary to redraw the boundaries---has some specific suggestions himself, and would welcome any changes to those. Basically, he would use the nine-district proposal (here he displayed his changes to the Board and explained them).

After further discussion on the subject of districting among the members of the Board, the following action was taken:

MOTION #1:

MOVED (by Mr. Wampold) that the original nine commissioners under the Charter be elected three from each of the existing three commissioner districts and that a commission be established by the Board of Freeholders to redistrict for the next election (after the initial election), this commission to consist of five persons, as follows:

1. Selected by the University of Washington (appropriate) department;
2. Selected by the Seattle University (appropriate) department;
3. Selected by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce; 4. Selected by the Seattle Central Labor Council; and 5. The Chairman of the Board of Freeholders. (Mr. Friedlander hereupon seconded this motion).

After general discussion, including remarks by Mr. Curran to the effect that the "Blue Ribbon" committee suggested by Mr. Wampold would not represent the unincorporated areas of King County, but only the cities, Mr. Eberle commented that the Freeholders should draw the new district boundaries or run the risk of defeating the Charter. It was decided by the maker of the Motion to withdraw the Motion, and the second was also withdrawn by Mr. Friedlander.

MOTION #2:

MOVED and SECONDED that the districting proposal of the Chairman be adopted.

After general discussion to the effect that the districting problem was too important to try to solve so quickly, Mr. Eberle made a motion as follows:

MOTION #3:

MOVED and SECONDED that the Motion on the floor be tabled.

VOTE: For, 9 Against, 1 Not Voting, 1 Absent, 4.

MOTION TABLED.

MOTION #4:

MOVED that the Board appoint a committee of Freeholders to make another attempt to district boundaries at a satisfactory time for all.

MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF SECOND.

MOTION #5:

MOVED and SECONDED that the Freeholders declare their intent to deliver in the Charter draft a proposal for nine single-member commissioner districts, and that this be done with all deliberate speed.

VOTE: For, 7 Against, 4 Absent, 4.

MOTION #6:

MOVED and SECONDED that the Chairman appoint a districting committee to consist of two Freeholders from each major political party, and the Chairman himself, to study the districting problem "with all deliberate speed", and make further reports to the Board.

VOTE: For, 7 Against, 2 Absent, 4 Not Voting, 2.

4. COUNSEL'S REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF CONTRACTING AND PUBLIC WORKS REVISION.

John Strasburger explained that he wanted to clarify the wording wanted by the Freeholders in Section 350.10.50, "Office of Purchasing", regarding competitive bidding to the county by independent contractors. At the June 20th meeting (Item 10, page 3) the Freeholders had agreed that the Charter include language requiring competitive bidding on public works projects and purchases to be the same as the State general law provided. During July 17th meeting, more detailed and restrictive language than the State law's had been approved.

Following general discussion of this matter, the following action was taken:

MOTION:

MOVED and SECONDED that there be incorporated into the Charter language requiring that all public buildings and works be contracted out to independent contractors with the exception that road projects of less than \$15,000 could be performed by County employees.

VOTE: For, 9 Against, 2 Absent, 4.

5. ADJOURNMENT::

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Gunby

Virginia Gunby, Secretary

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July 22, 1968

TO: The County Freeholders

FROM: Lois North

SUBJECT: Districting and Redistricting of the County Commissioner Districts

I am unable to attend the meeting on Monday night, July 22, but I would like to speak to the record on Districting and Redistricting of the county commissioner districts.

We have hired a Population Expert to draw district lines. His figures are accurate and he has done a careful job. I have come to realize that if we can accept either of his two plans, so much the better to start off a new chapter with the individual district lines drawn.

(1) Therefore, I vote "Yes" on the nine-member plan as submitted by Joshi. King County with over one million in population needs nine Commissioners. The city of Seattle, with half of this population (I'm using round figures) has nine full-time city councilmen. If the county is to be on a par with Seattle, nine would seem to be sensible to be doing the job for twice the amount of people.

(2) If the nine-district plan is voted down, then I would vote "Yes" on Joshi's seven-member plan only if we reconsider and change the Districting Machinery as set forth in Section 6.55 of the Charter. The Districting Machinery is extremely important if a Seven-Commissioner Plan is adopted. (By 1971 and perhaps again in 1976, it would be necessary to add more Commissioners. Seven seems a light amount to adequately represent such a large county.) Please see my suggestions below.

(3) If we are unable to reach agreement on either the nine- or the seven-district plan as submitted by Mr. Joshi, I vote absolutely "No" on any Subcommittee of the Freeholders dabbling with this job.

(4) If there is a motion to ask Mr. Joshi to prepare one or two other proposals for nine districts, I would vote "Yes."

(5) If all of these motions fail, I would then revert to nine commissioners elected--three from each of the present county commissioner districts.

Now as to the Districting Machinery changes:

We are archaic and politically unaware if we continue to vest the redistricting function in the legislative body. This is nineteenth century "Romanticism."

Surely, we have all seen that the drawing and redrawing of district lines is impossible if done by the very people who are emotionally involved in such a process. We must have the sense not to invest the original jurisdiction for this process in the legislature.

The County Executive could appoint a Redistricting Master with the approval of the county commissioners to do this job. Or, a committee can be set up to do this. Either is O.K., but please remove the initial responsibility altogether from the legislative body.

I would suggest the following wording for:

630.30.10. District Boundaries.

The boundaries of each district shall correspond as nearly as practical with the boundaries of election precincts, municipalities, and census tracts. They shall be approximately equal in population. The districts shall be of compact and contiguous territory, recognizing common economic interests and fully aware of natural geographic phenomena.

630.30.20. Districting Ordinances.

In 1971 and every five years thereafter, the county executive shall present a report to the county commissioners, based on the State Census figures, of the population of each county legislative district.

(This is in place of the first sentence of section 630.30.20. Delete it. The rest of the section is the same.)

630.30.30. Districting Master.

If in 1971, or any five-year period thereafter, the population reports show a grave imbalance (more than 10 percent below or 10 percent above the average of the total county population divided by the number of commissioners) in the commissioner districts, then the county executive shall appoint a Districting Master with the approval of a majority of the Board of County Commissioners. This shall be done before the first of May. The Board of County Commissioners shall provide for the compensation of the Districting Master. The Districting Master shall present his districting recommendations within one month's time.

630.30.40. Consideration by Board of County Commissioners.

The Board of County Commissioners may either accept, modify, or reject the recommendations of the Districting Master. If his recommendations are rejected, the Master shall present alternative recommendations. If the recommendations are neither accepted, modified nor rejected within sixty days after they are presented to the Board of County Commissioners by the Districting Master, they shall become effective on the sixty-first day after their presentation as if they had been enacted by ordinance.

630.30.50. Failure to Enact a Districting Ordinance.

(Wording to stand exactly as in draft of July 18, 1968.)

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July 19, 1968

Mr. Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman
Board of King County Freeholders
1900 Washington Building
Seattle, Washington 98101

Re: Requiring Public Works to be Constructed
by Private Contractors

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

On June 20, the freeholders answered the following question
by an affirmative vote of 10 - 0:

Shall language be included in the Charter in-
dicating that competitive bidding on public
works projects and purchases of the County be
in line with the present requirements under
State general law?

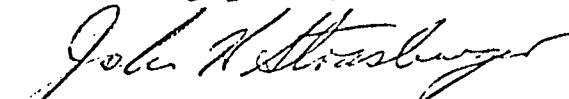
At the time this issue was being discussed, it was my under-
standing that it merely divided purchases and contracts into
those which could be directly negotiated and those which would
be subject to competitive bidding. It has been suggested, how-
ever, that the June 20 amendment also referred to those statutes
which require that certain public works projects be constructed
by private contractors; and the wording of the question which
was approved at the June 20th meeting indicates that this may
be the case. On the other hand, the freeholders at the July
17th meeting rejected a proposed amendment which would have re-
quired that proprietary functions and the contraction and main-
tenance of all public works projects, except road projects of
less than \$15,000, be performed by private contractors.

At present, the general law requires that all public works pro-
jects, except road and bridge projects of less than \$25,000,
be performed by private contractors. However, I am not aware
of any statutes which deal specifically with proprietary functions
or maintenance.

Mr. Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman
July 19, 1968
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Due to the possibility that I may have misinterpreted the intent of the June 20 resolution and due to the possible inconsistency of the passage of the June 20 resolution and the defeat of the July 17 motion, I would appreciate it if this subject would be resubmitted to the freeholders for clarification.

Sincerely yours,


John H. Strasburger

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BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

905-A KING COUNTY COURTHOUSE—SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. 98104—MA 2-5900

July 18, 1968

Dear King County Citizen:

Last November the voters of King County elected a board of fifteen Freeholders to prepare and propose a home rule charter for King County. Over the past seven months, the Board of King County Freeholders has met frequently to study the present operation of King County Government, to listen to the advice of experts in the field of local government, to study experience of other home rule counties throughout the country, to listen to the views of interested citizens and organizations and to deliberate upon all of the major decisions affecting the structure of county government. The attached draft represents the present status of the Freeholders' work. It is a working draft, and is subject to further revision before its final adoption by the Freeholders and submission to the voters at the November, 1968 general election.

You are urged to study this draft and make your suggestions known to us. A public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m., July 31, in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse to give any interested individual or representative of an organization an opportunity to comment upon this draft. Further hearings will be scheduled as necessary to give everyone an opportunity to be heard.

The Board of Freeholders will continue to meet regularly, deliberating on proposed changes to the draft. To insure that your recommendations are considered by the Freeholders, we would request that you either plan to attend one of the public hearings or submit your suggestions in writing to the Freeholder office, Room 905A, King County Courthouse. If you prefer, you may telephone the office at MA 3-5556 or MA 2-5900, Ext. 557.

Your recommendations should be submitted as soon as possible, as the Charter must be presented in final form early in September in order to be certified to the November ballot.

We shall look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS


RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

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Attachment

PRELIMINARY WORKING DRAFT

KING COUNTY CHARTER

July 18, 1968

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PREAMBLE

We, the people of King County, Washington, in order to form a more orderly government, establish separate legislative and executive branches, insure responsibility and accountability, promote the general welfare and secure the benefits of home rule and self government, in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Washington, do adopt this charter.

ARTICLE 1

POWERS OF THE COUNTY

Section 110. General Powers.

The county shall have all of the powers which it is possible for a home rule county to have under the state constitution.

Section 120. Intergovernmental Relations.

The county may, in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its functions and services, agree by contract or otherwise to participate jointly or in cooperation with any one or more other governments, governmental agencies, and municipal corporations, including the right to share the costs and responsibilities of such powers, functions and services.

Section 130. Construction.

The powers of the county granted by this charter shall be liberally construed, and the specific statement of particular powers shall not be construed as limiting the general powers. Reference to the state constitution and general law in this charter shall be construed as a continuing reference to them as they may be amended

from time to time. This charter and the ordinances enacted hereunder shall supersede special and general laws which are inconsistent with the charter and ordinances to the extent permitted by the state constitution.

Section 140. Name, Boundaries and County Seat.

The name, boundaries and county seat of the county shall remain as they are on the date of the enactment of this charter until changed.

ARTICLE 2

THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 210. Composition.

The legislative branch shall be composed of the board of county commissioners.

Section 220. The Board of County Commissioners.

220.10. Composition and Terms of Office.

The board of county commissioners shall consist of nine members. The county shall be divided into nine districts, and one commissioner shall be nominated and elected by the voters of each district. The term of office of each county commissioner shall be four years and until his successor is elected and qualified.

220.20. Powers.

The board of county commissioners shall be the policy determining body of the county and shall have all legislative powers of the county under this charter. The board of county commissioners shall exercise its legislative power by the adoption and enactment of ordinances; shall levy taxes, appropriate revenue and adopt

budgets for the county; shall establish the compensation to be paid to all county officers and employees and shall provide for the reimbursement of expenses; shall have the power to establish, abolish, combine and divide administrative offices and executive departments and to prescribe their duties; and shall have the power to conduct public hearings on matters of public concern to assist it in performing its legislative responsibilities and to subpoena witnesses, documents and other evidence, provided, that the subpoena power of the board of county commissioners shall be limited to matters relating to proposed ordinances being considered and any witness shall have the right to be represented by counsel.

220.30. Organization.

The board of county commissioners at least once a year shall elect one of its members as chairman, shall be responsible for its own organization and for the employment and supervision of those employees which it deems necessary to assist it or individual county commissioners in the exercise of their legislative powers and shall appoint a clerk to maintain its records.

220.40. Rules of Procedure.

The board of county commissioners shall adopt by ordinance rules of procedure governing the time, place and conduct of its meetings and hearings and the introduction, publication, consideration and adoption of ordinances. All meetings shall be open to the public, and a verbatim public record shall be kept of each meeting and the votes taken therein.

220.50. Relationship With Other Branches.

the reasons for his partial veto. If an ordinance is not returned by the county executive within ten days after its presentation, it shall be deemed enacted without his signature. Within thirty days after an ordinance has been vetoed and returned or partially vetoed and returned, the board of county commissioners may override the veto or partial veto of an appropriation ordinance by enacting the ordinance by a minimum of six votes.

230.30. Effective Date of Ordinances.

The effective date of an ordinance, except an emergency ordinance, shall be forty five days after its enactment unless a later date is specified in the ordinance.

An ordinance which is not vetoed or the approved portions of an appropriation ordinance which has been partially vetoed shall be deemed enacted on the date that it is approved by, or ten days after it is presented to, the county executive. An ordinance which is vetoed or the vetoed portions of an appropriation ordinance shall be deemed enacted on the date that the board of county commissioners overrides the veto or partial veto. An ordinance which has been submitted to the voters by referendum or initiative shall be deemed enacted when it is approved by the voters. An ordinance which is not subject to the veto power of the county executive shall be deemed enacted on the date it is approved by the board of county commissioners.

230.40. Emergency Ordinances.

Any proposed ordinance may be enacted as an emergency ordinance if the board of county commissioners finds as a fact, and states in the ordinance, that an emergency exists and that the ordi-

nance is necessary for the preservation of public peace, health or safety. A minimum of seven votes shall be required to enact an emergency ordinance, and unless it is an appropriation ordinance it shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive and shall be effective on the date of its enactment unless a later date is specified in the ordinance..

Section 240. Referendum and Initiative.

240.10. Referendum.

Enacted ordinances except as provided herein may be subjected to a referendum by the voters of the county by filing with the board of county commissioners prior to the effective date of the ordinance petitions bearing signatures of registered voters of the county equal in number to not less than ten percent of the votes cast in the county for the office of county executive at the last preceding election for county executive. Each petition shall contain the full text of the ordinance to be referred. The ordinance subject to referendum shall not become effective until it is approved by the voters. The ordinance to be referred shall be placed on the ballot at the next special or general election occurring more than forty five days after the petitions are filed. If approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue, the ordinance shall become effective forty five days after the date of the election.

An emergency ordinance, an ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions, or an ordinance which has been approved by the voters by referendum or initiative shall not be subject to a referendum.

240.20. Initiative.

Ordinances may be proposed by filing with the board of county commissioners petitions bearing signatures of registered voters of the county equal in number to not less than ten percent of the votes cast in the county for the office of county executive at the last preceding election for county executive. Each petition shall contain the full text of the proposed ordinance.

The board of county commissioners shall consider the proposed ordinance. If the proposed ordinance is not enacted as provided in Section 230 within ninety days after the petitions are presented, it shall be placed on the ballot at the next regular or special election occurring more than one hundred and thirty five days after the petitions were presented or at an earlier election designated by the board of county commissioners. However, if the proposed ordinance is enacted at any time prior to the election, it shall not be placed on the ballot or be voted on unless it is subjected to referendum. If the board of county commissioners rejects the proposed ordinance and adopts a substitute or amended ordinance concerning the same subject matter, the substitute or amended ordinance shall be placed on the same ballot with the proposed ordinance; and the voters shall be given the choice of adopting one of the ordinances and rejecting the other or of rejecting both ordinances.

If it is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue, the ordinance shall become effective forty five days after the date of the election.

240.30. Referendum and Initiative Petitions.

All referendum and initiative petitions shall be sponsored by an individual or committee of individuals which shall secure the approval of the clerk of the board of county commissioners as to the form of the proposed petitions before circulating them. At any time more than forty five days prior to a referendum or initiative election, the sponsor or a majority of the sponsoring committee may withdraw the petitions by filing with the clerk of the board of county commissioners a signed statement asking that the referendum or initiative petitions be withdrawn setting forth the reasons for the withdrawal. The filing of such a request shall cause the petitions to be of no force and effect, and the referendum or initiative election shall be cancelled.

Section 250. County Auditor.

The county auditor shall be appointed by the board of county commissioners and shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, a current post audit of the financial operations of the county government and shall consult with the office of budgets and accounts concerning the accounting procedures to be used by the executive branch.

Section 260. Office of Citizen Complaint.

The board of county commissioners shall establish an office to receive complaints concerning the operation of county government and shall grant it sufficient power including the power to subpoena witnesses, documents and other evidence to permit it quickly and efficiently to investigate and to make and publicize recommendations concerning its findings. The subpoena power of the office of citizen complaint shall be limited to matters under written complaint by a citizen of the county and any witness shall have the right to be

represented by counsel. Any individual who is the subject of a complaint shall have the right to present witnesses in his own behalf.

ARTICLE 3

THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section 310. Composition and Powers.

The executive branch shall be composed of the county executive, the county administrative officer, the county assessor, the officers and employees of administrative offices and executive departments established by this charter or created by the board of county commissioners and the members of boards and commissions except: the board of county commissioners, the board of appeals and the personnel board. The executive branch shall have all executive powers of the county under this charter.

Section 320. County Executive.

320.10. Election, Term of Office and Compensation.

The county executive shall be nominated and elected by the voters of the county, and his term of office shall be four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. The county executive shall receive compensation at least one and one half times the compensation paid to a county commissioner.

320.20. Powers and Duties.

The county executive shall be the chief executive officer of the county and shall have all executive power of the county which is not expressly vested in other specific officers by this charter; shall supervise all administrative offices and executive departments es-

established by this charter or created by the board of county commissioners; shall be the chief peace officer of the county and shall execute and enforce all ordinances and state statutes within the county; shall serve on all boards and commissions on which a county commissioner was required to serve prior to the adoption of this charter, but if more than one county commissioner was required to serve, the board of county commissioners shall appoint a county commissioner or county commissioners to serve on the board or commission with him; shall present to the board of county commissioners an annual statement of the financial and governmental affairs of the county and any other report which he may deem necessary, including proposed ordinances; shall prepare and present to the board of county commissioners budgets and a budget message setting forth the programs which he proposes for the county during the next fiscal year; shall prepare and present to the board of county commissioners comprehensive plans including capital improvement plans for the present and future development of the county; shall have the power to veto any ordinance adopted by the board of county commissioners except as otherwise provided by this charter; shall have the power to assign duties to administrative offices and executive departments which are not specifically assigned by this charter or by ordinance; shall sign, or cause to be signed, on behalf of the county all deeds, contracts and other instruments; and shall have the right, subject to approval by a majority of the board of county commissioners, to arrange for one or more functions of the county to be performed by an independent contractor or to be performed in cooperation with, or by, other units

of government and to arrange for one or more functions of other units of government to be performed by the county.

Section 330. County Administrative Officer.

The county executive shall appoint the county administrative officer who, under the general supervision of the county executive, shall assist him, shall supervise the administrative offices and shall perform such other duties as are delegated to him by the county executive.

Section 340. Appointments, Confirmation and Removal.

340.10. Appointments by the County Executive.

The county executive shall appoint the county administrative officer, the chief officer of each executive department except the county assessor and the members of all boards and commissions.

340.20. Appointments by the County Administrative Officer.

The county administrative officer shall appoint the chief officer of each administrative office.

340.30. Appointments by the Chief Officers.

The chief officer of each administrative office and executive department shall appoint all officers and employees of his office or department.

340.40. Confirmation.

The appointments by the county executive shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the board of county commissioners. The appointments by the county administrative officer shall be subject to approval by the county executive.

340.50. Qualifications.

The county administrative officer and the chief officers appointed by either the county executive or the county administrative officer shall be appointed on the basis of their abilities, qualifications, integrity and prior experience concerning the duties of the office to which they shall be appointed.

340.60. Removal.

Any officer, board or commission member, or employee who is not subject to the provisions of the personnel system may be removed at any time by the officer who appointed him except that a member of the personnel board and the board of appeals can be removed only by a majority of the board of county commissioners as provided in this charter.

Section 350. Administrative Offices and Executive Departments.

The executive branch shall include the following administrative offices and executive departments:

350.10. Administrative Offices:

350.10.10. Office of Budgets and Accounts.

The office of budgets and accounts shall prepare a proposed annual budget for the county, shall prescribe the accounting procedures to be used by the county and shall check all disbursement requests to determine that funds have been appropriated and are available and that the requested disbursements are in accordance with the terms of the contract or appropriation ordinance under which the disbursement is to be made.

350.10.20. Office of Personnel.

The office of personnel shall have the responsibilities estab-

lished by Article 5 and shall perform any other duties assigned to it by the chief administrative officer.

350.10.30. Office of Data Processing.

The office of data processing shall establish and maintain a modern system for processing information in accordance with the needs of county government and shall provide data processing services for all branches of county government.

350.10.40. Office of County Property.

The office of county property shall assign the use of all real and personal property owned or leased by the county, shall maintain all property unless its maintenance is otherwise assigned by this charter, by ordinance or by the county executive and shall negotiate the lease or sale of county property.

350.10.50. Office of Purchasing.

The office of purchasing shall contract for all public works which are not performed by county employees and shall purchase all real and personal property purchased by the county. Whenever the value of the property to be purchased or the contract to be entered into exceeds two thousand five hundred dollars, competitive bids shall be obtained and the property purchased or the contract awarded according to the procedure established by ordinance. Competitive bids shall not be required to contract for professional services, to purchase real or personal property limited to a single source of supply, in other instances as established by ordinance where the price should be negotiated or in the event of an emergency.

350.20. Executive Departments.

350.20.10. Department of Public Works, Utilities and Transportation

The department of public works, utilities and transportation shall administer the construction and maintenance of the county road system and related facilities and shall be responsible for flood control, garbage disposal and other public works and utilities.

350.20.20. Department of Public Safety.

The department of public safety shall enforce law and order, shall administer the county jail, shall investigate deaths and shall be responsible for civil defense. An inquest shall be held to investigate the causes and circumstances of any death involving a member of the department of public safety.

350.20.30. Department of Public Health and Welfare.

The department of public health and welfare shall administer all health and welfare programs under the control of the county including all medical services necessary to assist the department of public safety.

350.20.40. Department of Records and Elections.

The department of records and elections shall record, file and register all documents presented to it which by general law may be recorded, filed or registered to provide constructive legal notice, and all other documents specified by ordinance and shall maintain the county archives to store all county records which should not be destroyed and which are not necessary for the current operation of county government, shall be responsible for the registration of voters in unincorporated areas of the county and shall conduct all special and general elections held in the county.

350.20.50. Department of Finance.

The department of finance shall collect and invest all county revenue and shall make all disbursements approved by the office of budgets and accounts.

350.20.60. Department of Parks and Community Services.

The department of parks and community services shall operate and develop all county parks and other recreational facilities and programs and shall be responsible for open ^{public} space development and other community services.

350.20.70. Department of Planning.

The department of planning shall prepare and present to the county executive and the board of county commissioners comprehensive master plans; shall advise all agencies of the county on planning and related activities of the county with state, regional, municipal and other county planning agencies; shall maintain a current file of plans, zoning ordinances, official maps, building codes, and subdivision regulations; shall assist the office of budgets and accounts in developing capital improvement programs and capital budgets; and shall perform other related duties assigned to it by ordinance or by the county executive.

~~350.20.70. (a) Comprehensive Plans.~~

~~The department of planning in cooperation with private organizations and all agencies of county government shall prepare and recommend to the county executive and the board of county commissioners for adoption by ordinance: (1) a county plan for the physical development of the county including recommendations: for the most desirable~~

use of land and density of population, for the location of public buildings, for a system of public ways and other public facilities, for the location of public and private utilities, public housing, drainage facilities and concerning other matters beneficial to the county; (2) an official map of existing rights-of-way and open spaces and proposed modifications; (3) regulations concerning the planning and subdivision of land; and (4) zoning plans including zoning maps and regulations.

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350.20.70. (b) Zoning Applications.

The department of planning shall receive and consider all zoning applications. It shall make the initial decision concerning all applications for zoning variances and conditional use permits, and its decisions shall be final unless appealed to the board of appeals. It shall consider and make recommendations to the board of county commissioners concerning all applications for rezoning or original zoning.

350.20.75. Department of Building.

The department of building shall be responsible for the issuance of building permits and shall administer and enforce building codes, zoning ordinances, fire regulations and other codes and regulations assigned to it.

350.20.80. Department of Assessments.

The department of assessments shall be administered by the county assessor who shall be elected by the voters of the county, and his term of office shall be four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. The county assessor shall determine the assessed

value of all taxable property within the county in accordance with the state constitution and general law. The department of assessments shall be an executive department subject to the personnel system and shall utilize the services of the administrative offices and the executive departments, but it shall not be abolished or combined with any other executive department or administrative office and shall not have its duties decreased by the board of county commissioners.

350.20.90. Department of Judicial Administration.

The department of judicial administration shall be administered by the superior court clerk who shall be appointed by the county executive from a list of three or more nominees submitted by a majority of the superior court judges in the county. The department of judicial administration shall maintain the official court files, records and indexes necessary for the efficient administration of justice and the court system and shall perform such other duties assigned to it by a majority of the superior court judges in the county.

ARTICLE 4

FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

Section 410. Presentation and Adoption of Budgets.

At least seventy-five days prior to the end of each fiscal year, the county executive shall present to the board of county commissioners a complete budget and budget message and proposed current expense and capital budget appropriation ordinances and proposed tax and revenue ordinances necessary to raise sufficient revenues to balance the budget; and at least forty-five days prior to the end of

the fiscal year, the board of county commissioners shall adopt appropriation, tax and revenue ordinances for the next fiscal year. If appropriation, tax or revenue ordinances have not been adopted within forty-five days after the county executive has presented the proposed appropriation ordinances, the proposed appropriation, tax and revenue ordinances presented by the county executive shall become effective on the forty-sixth day as if they had been enacted by ordinance.

Section 420. Budget Information.

At least one hundred and thirty-five days prior to the end of the fiscal year, all agencies of county government shall submit to the office of budgets and accounts information necessary to prepare the budget.

Section 430. Contents of Budget.

The budget shall be balanced; shall include all funds, revenues and reserves; shall be divided into programs, projects and objects of expense and shall include supporting data deemed advisable by the county executive or required by ordinance; shall indicate as to each program, project or object of expense the actual expenditures of the preceding fiscal year, the estimated expenditures for the current fiscal year and requested appropriations for the next fiscal year; and the proposed capital improvement program for the next six fiscal years.

Section 440. Budget Message.

The budget message shall explain the budget in fiscal terms and in terms of the goals to be accomplished and shall relate the

requested appropriations to the comprehensive plans of the county.

Section 450. Copies of Budget.

Copies of the budget and budget message shall be delivered to the clerk and each of the members of the board of county commissioners, and prior to the public hearing on the budget copies shall be available for public inspection. Prior to the public hearing on the budget, the budget message and supporting tables shall be furnished to any interested person upon request and copies of the budget shall be furnished for a reasonable fee as established by ordinance.

Section 460. Consideration and Adoption of Appropriation Ordinances.

Prior to the adoption of any appropriation ordinances for the next fiscal year, the board of county commissioners shall hold a public hearing to consider the budget presented by the county executive and shall hold any other public hearing on the budget or any part thereof that it deems advisable. The board of county commissioners in considering the appropriation ordinances proposed by the county executive may delete or add items, may reduce or increase the proposed appropriations and may add provisions restricting the expenditures of certain appropriations; but it shall not change the form of the proposed appropriation ordinances submitted by the county executive. The appropriation ordinances adopted by the board of county commissioners shall not exceed the estimated revenues of the county for the next fiscal year for each fund including surpluses and reserves; and the board of county commissioners may (by motion) alter the amount of the estimated revenues contained in the budget presented by the county executive only upon a minimum of six votes or to the extent

that the board of county commissioners creates additional sources of revenue which are not included in the tax and revenue ordinances proposed by the county executive.

Section 470. Additional Appropriations.

470.10. Contingency Appropriations.

The appropriation ordinances shall include contingency funds. Contingency funds shall not be expended unless the office of budgets and accounts certifies in writing that sufficient funds are available and the board of county commissioners adopts an additional appropriation ordinance after being requested to do so by the county executive.

470.20. Emergency Appropriations.

In the event of a public emergency, the board of county commissioners may adopt an emergency appropriation ordinance after being requested to do so by the county executive. An emergency appropriation ordinance may appropriate contingency funds, revenues received in excess of the revenue estimated in the budget presented by the county executive and funds from any other source available to the county in an emergency.

470.30. Additional Capital Budget Appropriations.

The board of county commissioners shall not adopt an additional or amended capital budget appropriation ordinance during the fiscal year unless requested to do so by the county executive. The request of the county executive shall include the written recommendations of the department of planning.

Section 475. Work Programs and Allotments.

Within thirty days after the adoption of the appropriation

ordinances, each agency of county government except the board of county commissioners shall present to the county executive work programs and requested allotments by program, project, object of expense or period of time to properly control expenditures and prevent deficits; and, when requested to do so by the agency whose funds will be affected, the county executive may allot, reallocate and withhold appropriations. At any time during the fiscal year, when requested to do so by the agency concerned, the county executive may transfer current expense appropriations between general classifications of expenditures within the same executive department, administrative office, board or commission.

During the last quarter of the fiscal year, the board of county commissioners when requested to do so by the county executive, may adopt an ordinance to transfer appropriations between agencies of county government; but a capital budget project shall not be abandoned thereby unless its abandonment is recommended by the department of planning.

Section 480. Lapses of Appropriations.

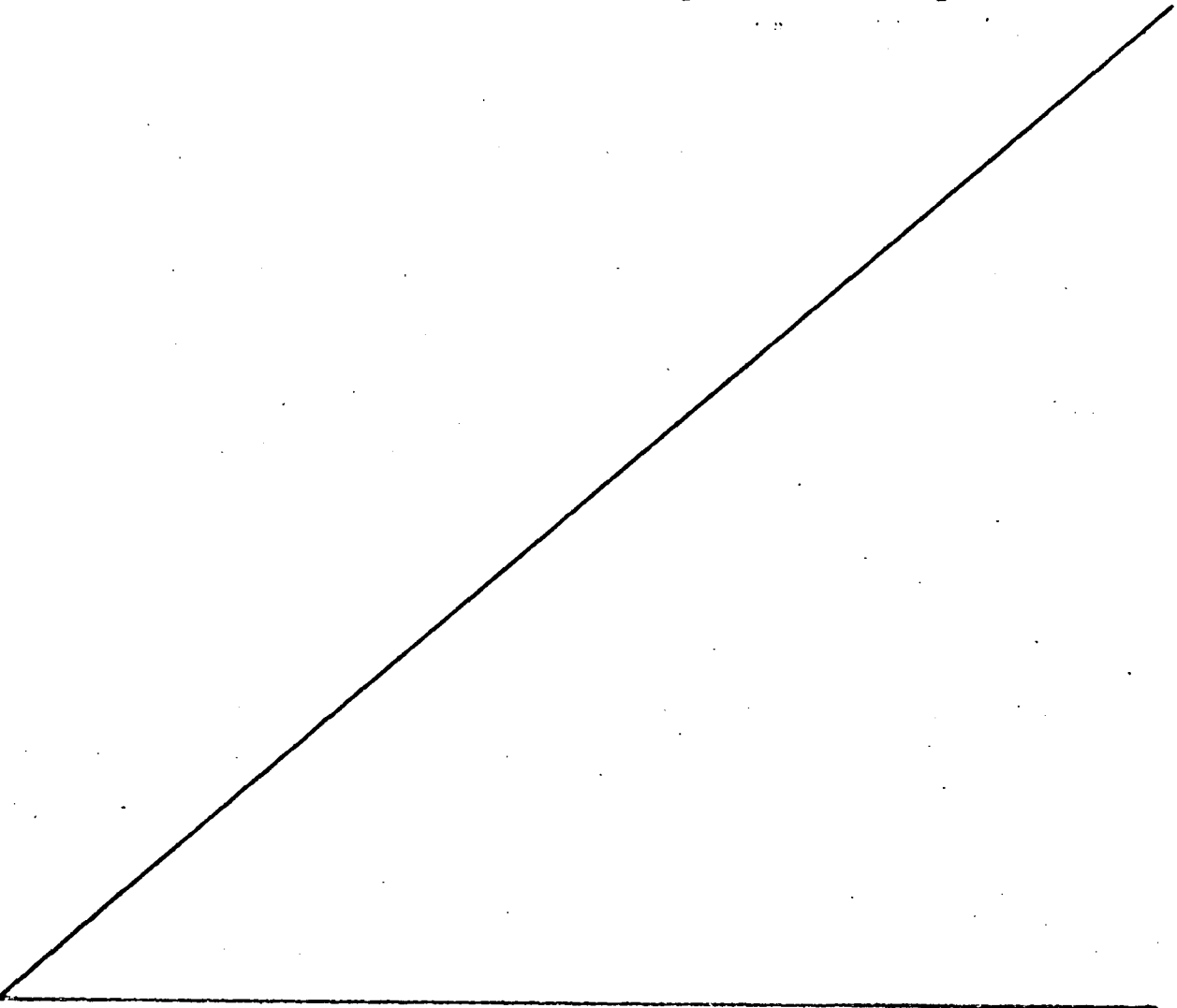
Unless otherwise provided by the appropriation ordinances, all unexpended and unencumbered appropriations in the current expense appropriation ordinance shall lapse at the end of the fiscal year. An appropriation in the capital budget appropriation ordinance shall lapse when the project has been completed or abandoned or when no expenditure or encumbrance has been made for three years.

Section 490. Interfund Borrowing and Reimbursement.

One agency of county government or fund may reimburse another agency or fund for services rendered; and the board of county commissioners when requested to do so by the county executive may adopt an ordinance to provide for temporary inter-fund borrowing.

Section 495. Illegal Contracts.

Except as otherwise provided by ordinance any contract in



excess of an appropriation or allotment shall be null and void; and any officer, agent or employee of the county knowingly responsible shall be personally liable to anyone damaged by his action. The board of county commissioners when requested to do so by the county executive may adopt an ordinance permitting the county to enter into contracts requiring the payment of funds from appropriations of subsequent fiscal years, but real property shall not be leased for more than one year unless it is included in a capital budget appropriation ordinance.

ARTICLE 5

THE PERSONNEL SYSTEM

Section 510. Purpose.

The county shall establish and maintain an effective personnel system for the county which will assure: recruitment, selection and retention of county employees on the basis of merit; the development of a county career service; promotion on the basis of demonstrated ability; and compensation and personnel practices which will keep the county system competitive.

Section 520. Office of Personnel.

The office of personnel shall administer the personnel system of the county in accordance with the personnel rules adopted by the board of county commissioners by ordinance. The office of personnel shall prepare and present proposed personnel rules to the county administrative officer and the county executive who shall present a proposed ordinance establishing the personnel rules to the board of county commissioners which shall adopt the ordinance with or without amendments.

Section 530. Personnel Rules.

The personnel rules shall provide for: the classification of all employed positions based on the duties, authority and responsibility of each position with adequate provisions for reclassification of any position whenever warranted; a pay plan for all county positions; methods for determining the merit and fitness of candidates for appointment or promotion; policies and procedures concerning reductions in force and removal of employees; hours of work, attendance, regulations and provisions for vacations and sick leaves; policies and procedures for persons holding provisional appointments; policies and procedures governing relationships with employee organizations; policies governing in-service training; grievance procedures; procedures for disciplinary actions; penalties for violation of the provisions of Section 560; and other related policies and procedures.

Section 540. The Personnel Board.

There shall be a personnel board composed of five members, four of whom shall be appointed by the county executive subject to confirmation by a majority of the board of county commissioners. One member of the personnel board shall be elected by secret ballot by the county employees who are members of the career service. A personnel board member shall serve a five year term and until his successor is appointed, with one member being appointed each year. A majority of the board of county commissioners, but not the county executive, may remove a personnel board member for just cause after written charges have been served on the personnel board member and a public hearing has been held by the board of county commissioners.

The board of county commissioners may provide for the compensation of personnel board members on a per diem basis.

The personnel board shall report at least once a year to the county executive concerning the operation of the personnel system with any recommendations it may have for its improvement.

Any member of the career service may appeal to the personnel board from any action pertaining to the methods of examination, certification or preparation of eligibility lists, from any suspension for more than sixty days, reduction in rank or pay or removal and from any allocation or reallocation of positions. The personnel board shall hold a public hearing to consider an appeal and shall issue such order as it deems proper including but not limited to the restoration of rank or pay with or without loss of benefits and pay and the allocation and reallocation of positions. The decision of the personnel board shall be final unless reviewed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 550. Positions Exempt from the Personnel System.

The following positions shall be exempt from the career service: all elected officers; the county auditor, the clerk and all other employees of the board of county commissioners; all officers appointed by the chief executive or the county administrative officer including the members of all boards and commissions; one administrative assistant each for the county executive, the county administrative officer, the county auditor, the county assessor, the chief officer of each executive department and administrative office and for each board and commission; four supervisory deputy assessors;

one confidential secretary each for the county executive, the county administrative officer, the county assessor, the chief officer of each executive department and administrative office, and for each administrative assistant specified herein; court commissioners, bailiffs, clerks and personal secretaries serving in the offices of the superior court judges and justices of the peace; persons employed in a professional or scientific capacity to conduct a special inquiry, investigation or examination; part-time and temporary employees; election precinct officials and all persons serving the county without compensation.

Section 560. Political Activities.

A county employee employed in a position covered by the career service and the county administrative officer shall not engage in any political activity on behalf of, and shall not pay or be asked to pay any assessment or contribution which will benefit directly or indirectly, anyone occupying or seeking appointment, nomination or election to any elective county office.

ARTICLE 6

ELECTIONS

Section 610. Qualifications.

Each county officer holding an elective office shall be, at the time of his appointment or election and at all times while he holds office, twenty-one years of age, a citizen of the United States and a resident and registered voter of King County; and each county commissioner shall be a resident of the district which he represents.

Any change in the boundaries of a county commissioner's district which shall cause a county commissioner to be no longer a resident of the district which he represents shall not disqualify him from holding office during the remainder of the term for which he was elected or appointed.

Section 620. County Executive and County Assessor.

The nomination and election of the county executive and county assessor shall be held every four years as a county general election at the same time as the general election for cities in the county commencing with the election of 1971. The nominating primaries and elections shall be conducted in accordance with the general law governing the election of partisan county officers.

Section 630. County Commissioners.

630.10. Districts.

The county shall be divided into nine districts numbered one through nine.

630.20. Nomination and Election.

The nomination and election of county commissioners shall be held every four years as a county general election at the same time as the general election for cities in the county commencing in even numbered districts with the election of 1971 and in odd numbered districts with the election of 1973. The nominating primaries and elections shall be conducted in accordance with the general law governing the election of partisan county officers.

630.30. Districting.

630.30.10. District Boundaries.

The boundaries of each district shall correspond as nearly as practical with the boundaries of election precincts, municipalities and census tracts and shall be: drawn to produce districts with compact and contiguous territory, composed of economic and geographic units and approximately equal in population.

630.30.20. Districting Ordinances.

A districting ordinance shall be enacted by a majority of the board of county commissioners in 1971 and at least every five years thereafter. If the population of the districts are approximately equal, the boundaries shall not be changed. If the size, shape and population of the districts comply with the requirements of this charter, the board of county commissioners shall enact an ordinance retaining the district boundaries without change. A districting ordinance shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive.

630.30.30. Districting Committee.

If the board of county commissioners does not adopt a districting ordinance during the first four months of any year in which it is required to do so by this charter, the county executive shall appoint within thirty days a districting committee of at least five members subject to confirmation by a majority of the board of county commissioners which shall provide for their compensation.. No more than a simple majority of the committee shall be affiliated with the same political party. The districting committee shall present its districting recommendations to the board of county commissioners within four months after the committee has been appointed and confirmed.

630.30.40. Consideration by Board of County Commissioners.

The board of county commissioners may either accept, modify or reject the recommendations of the districting committee. If its recommendations are rejected, the committee may, but shall not be required to, present alternate recommendations. If the recommendations are neither accepted, modified nor rejected within sixty days after they are presented to the board of county commissioners by the districting committee, they shall become effective on the sixty first day after their presentation as if they had been enacted by ordinance.

630.30.50. Failure to Enact a Districting Ordinance

If the board of county commissioners fails to enact a districting ordinance during the year in which it is required to do so by this charter, the compensation of the county commissioners shall be suspended from the first day of January of the next year until a districting ordinance is enacted. Upon enactment of a redistricting ordinance, the suspended compensation shall be paid without interest to the county commissioners who would have received it but for the suspension.

Section 640. Commencement of Terms of Office.

The terms of office of elected county officers shall commence on the date specified by general law for public officers elected at city general elections.

Section 650. Recall.

The holder of any elective office may be recalled in accordance with the provisions of general law.

Section 660. Vacancies.

660.10. When Vacant.

An elective county office shall become vacant upon the in-

cumbent's death; resignation; recall; conviction of a felony, crime involving moral turpitude, unlawful destruction of court records, or other crime pertinent to his office; declaration of incompetency by a court of competent jurisdiction; absence from the county for a period of more than thirty days without the permission of a majority of the board of county commissioners; or failure to fulfill or continue to fulfill the qualifications for office.

660.20. Appointment or Special Election.

Vacancies in an elective office shall be filled by a majority of the board of county commissioners or, in the event of a vacancy in the office of county commissioner, by a majority of the remaining county commissioners. Appointments shall be only for the unexpired portion of the term of the officer whose office has become vacant. The board of county commissioners may make a temporary appointment to fill a vacated office and schedule a special election to fill the vacated elective office.

Section 670. Statement of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures.

Every candidate for nomination or election to an elective county office shall, within ten days after the primary, general or special election as the case may be, file an itemized statement with the department of records and elections, on forms to be furnished by the department of records and elections, showing all campaign contributions and pledges made to him or upon his behalf and all campaign expenditures and obligations incurred by him or on his behalf. Such statement when filed shall be a public record. The board of county commissioners shall by ordinance prescribe the form

of such statement. Violation of this section shall disqualify the candidate from holding county elective office.

ARTICLE 7

BOARD OF APPEALS

Section 710. Composition, Appointment, Removal.

The board of appeals shall be composed of seven members appointed by the county executive subject to confirmation by a majority of the board of county commissioners. Each member of the board of appeals shall serve a seven year term and until his successor is appointed with one member being appointed each year. A majority of the board of county commissioners, but not the county executive, may remove a board of appeals member for just cause after written charges have been served on the board of appeals member and a public hearing has been held by the board of county commissioners. The board of county commissioners shall provide for the compensation of the board of appeals members on a per diem basis.

Section 720. Powers.

The board of appeals shall hear and decide all appeals from the granting or rejecting of an application for a zoning variance or conditional use permit by the department of planning and from any valuation by the department of the county assessor. The board of county commissioners may by ordinance provide for an appeal to the board of appeals from any other order by an executive department or administrative office. The decision of the board of appeals shall be final unless reviewed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 730. Rules of Practice and Procedure.

The board of appeals shall prepare, publish and amend rules

of practice and procedure establishing the method for appealing to the board; specifying the types of evidence which will be considered by the board in reaching its decisions; guaranteeing the right for all parties to examine and cross-examine all witnesses; providing for the procedure to be followed in the conduct of its hearings, for written transcripts to be kept of all testimony and argument, and for copies to be furnished to any interested party at cost upon request; providing for the issuance of its orders and its reasons therefor in writing; and for a permanent and properly indexed record to be kept of its decisions.

ARTICLE 8

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 800. Amendments to the Charter.

The board of county commissioners may propose amendments to this charter by enacting an ordinance to submit a proposed amendment to the voters of the county at the next general election occurring more than forty five days after the enactment of the ordinance. An ordinance proposing an amendment to the charter shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive. Publication of a proposed amendment and notice of its submission to the voters of the county shall be made in accordance with the state constitution and general law. The proposed amendment shall become effective forty five days after it is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue.

Section 810. Severability and Construction.

The provisions of this charter are severable; and, if any provision should be declared to be unconstitutional or inapplicable,

it shall not affect the constitutionality or applicability of any other provision of this charter. The provisions of this charter shall be liberally construed to provide for the efficient and businesslike management of county affairs.

Section 820. Conflict of Interest.

820.10. Prohibitions.

An officer or employee of the county shall not receive or have directly or indirectly, any financial interest in any sale to or by the county of any services or property, except in his official capacity as a representative of the county, and shall not receive or accept, directly or indirectly, any service or thing of value from any person, firm, or corporation having dealings with the county on more favorable terms than those granted to the public generally or accept any gift from any person, firm, or corporation having dealings with the county.

820.20. Exceptions.

The board of county commissioners may adopt ordinances providing for individual exceptions to the prohibitions by specifically authorizing a county officer or employee to own stock in certain corporations and to establish or maintain a financial interest in certain businesses dealing with the county on condition that full disclosure be made to the board of county commissioners and that the board of county commissioners finds that the stock ownership or financial interest does not violate the public interest.

820.30. Penalties.

The board of county commissioners shall adopt an ordinance

specifying the civil and criminal penalties for the willful or negligent violation of the prohibitions by any county officer or employee and shall also adopt an ordinance establishing civil and criminal penalties for any person, firm or corporation doing business with the county which offers, pays, refunds, or rebates any part of any fee, commission or other form of compensation to any county officer or employee except in his official capacity as a representative of the county.

Section 830. Public Inspection of Public Records.

All official acts and documents except those which have been specifically prepared for use by the county in court proceedings, criminal and law enforcement files of the department of public safety and those which would invade a person's right of privacy shall be open for public inspection; and the officer, department, agency, board or commission having custody and control of public records shall upon request supply certified copies of the records requested for a reasonable fee as established by ordinance.

Section 840. Anti-discrimination.

There shall be no discrimination in employment or compensation of county officers or employees on account of age except by minimum age and retirement provisions, sex, race, color, national origin or religious affiliation; and the county shall not enter into any contract with any person, firm or corporation which discriminates on the basis of age except by minimum age and retirement provisions, sex, race, color, national origin or religious affiliation.

Section 850. Delegation of Authority.

Any power or duty of a county officer except the veto power of the county executive may be delegated by that officer to another officer or employee under his control and supervision; provided, however, that the delegating officer shall continue to be responsible for the exercise of the power or the performance of the duty delegated. The board of county commissioners shall not delegate its legislative power except to the extent that it delegates to a county officer the authority to promulgate regulations in accordance with adequate standards established by the board of county commissioners.

Section 860. Inapplicable References in the Constitution or General Law.

Whenever a general law which has not been superseded by this charter or the ordinances enacted hereunder, or the state constitution, refers to an agency or officer of county government, it shall be deemed to refer to the agency or officer designated by the board of county commissioners or in the absence of such a designation to the agency or officer designated by the county executive.

Section 870. Additional Compensation.

Any county officer or employee who is compensated by salary shall not receive any additional compensation for serving on any board or commission or in any other position established by or pursuant to this charter.

Section 880. Compilation and Codification of Ordinances.

Within two years after the effective date of this charter and as often thereafter as it deems necessary, the board of county commissioners shall provide for a compilation and codification of all county ordinances and regulations which have the force of law

and are permanent or general in nature. Each codification shall be presented to the board of county commissioners and, when adopted by ordinance, shall be known as the "King County Code." It shall be published together with this charter, a detailed index and appropriate notes, citations and annotations. The board of county commissioners shall also provide for an annual supplement.

Section 890. Employee Representation.

The board of county commissioners may enact an ordinance providing for collective bargaining by the county with county employees covered by the personnel system. If an ordinance providing for collective bargaining is enacted, it shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive; and it shall designate, or provide for the selection of, the bargaining agent of the county. Any agreement reached as a result of negotiations by the county bargaining agent with county employees shall not have the force of law unless enacted by ordinance.

ARTICLE 9

TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

The provisions of this article relate to the transition from the existing form of government to the form of government established by this charter; and where inconsistent with the foregoing articles of this charter, the provisions of this article shall constitute exceptions.

Section 910. Effective Date and Elections.

The effective date of this charter shall be May 1, 1969.
Special elections held in accordance with general law for the election

of partisan county officers shall be held to elect the first county executive, county assessor and county commissioners to be elected after the adoption of this charter. The nominating primaries shall be held on February 11, 1969, and the election shall be held on March 11, 1969. Until they are changed by a districting ordinance in accordance with the provisions of this charter, the county commissioner districts shall be as follows:

[The Board of Freeholders is, at this printing, considering initial interim districting. The decision of the Board of Freeholders will be published at a later date.]

Section 920. County Commissioners.

Unless he resigns or seeks nomination to the office of county executive or county assessor, a county commissioner elected at the general election in November 1966 or November 1968 shall be entitled to remain as a county commissioner on the board of county commissioners established by this charter and shall represent the commissioner district established by this charter in which he resides on the date when this charter is adopted in which case a special election for the first county commissioner for that district shall not be held.

Section 930. County Assessor.

Unless he resigns or seeks nomination to the office of county executive or county commissioner, the county assessor elected at the general election in 1966 shall be entitled to remain as the county assessor established by this charter in which case a special election for the first county assessor after the adoption of this charter shall not be held..

Section 940. Commencement and Terms of Office.

The terms of office of officers elected at the special election on March 11, 1969, and the county commissioners or assessor elected at the general elections in 1966 or 1968 who remain as commissioners or assessor in the offices established by this charter, shall commence on May 1, 1969. The terms of office of the county executive, the county assessor and county commissioners representing even numbered districts shall expire when their successors are elected at the general election in 1971 and have qualified. The terms of office of county commissioners representing odd numbered districts shall expire when their successors are elected at the general election in 1973 and have qualified.

Section 950. Compensation.

The county commissioners and county assessor who take office, or continue in office, on the effective date of this charter shall receive during their first term of office under this charter the compensation specified by general law for county commissioners and county assessors, respectively. The county executive who takes office on the effective date of this charter shall receive during his first term of office under this charter one and one-half times the compensation paid to a county commissioner. Thereafter all compensation shall be established by the board of county commissioners by ordinance.

Section 960. The Personnel System.

960.10. Personnel Board Members.

The original members of the personnel board shall be appointed and confirmed by June 1, 1969, and shall be appointed for the following

terms: one for a six year term, one for a four year term and one for two year term. Thereafter, any new appointment, except to fill out an unexpired term, and any reappointment shall be for a six year term.

960.20. Effective Date.

The county executive shall present to the board of county commissioners a proposed ordinance containing a comprehensive set of personnel rules as soon as possible, and the effective date of the personnel system shall be no later than January 1, 1970. Prior to the effective date of the personnel system, each employee shall be appointed, promoted, suspended and removed by the officer in whose office he serves.

960.30. Positions Exempt From the Personnel System.

For the first two years after the effective date of the personnel system and thereafter until changed by ordinance, the following positions in addition to those specified in Article 5 shall be exempt from the career service: physicians, surgeons, dentists, interns, student nurses and inmates employed by county hospitals, tuberculosis sanitariums and health departments of the county.

960.40. Elective County Officers.

Every elected county officer whose office is abolished or made appointive by the adoption of this charter and who holds office on the effective date of this charter shall be continued in county employment at the rate of compensation specified by general law for the office which he held on the effective date of this charter until the date when the term of office to which he was elected would have expired but for the adoption of this charter; and, thereafter, he shall be entitled to be appointed at the same rate of compensation to an

administrative position covered by the personnel system subject to all of the rules of the personnel system except those concerning initial appointment.

960.50. County Employees.

A county employee employed in a position covered by the career service on the effective date of the personnel system shall be entitled to be appointed to that position subject to all of the personnel rules except the rules concerning initial appointments; provided, however, that a county employee who was employed by the county on June 1, 1968, and was involuntarily suspended, demoted or removed without just cause prior to the effective date of the personnel system shall have a preferential right to be appointed to the position in which he was employed on June 1, 1968, if it is covered by the career service. If a position is not covered by the career service, the employee shall have the right to be appointed to a position covered by the career service which is as nearly comparable as possible to his former position.

960.60. Sheriff's Civil Service System.

The sheriff's civil service system as provided by general law shall continue in full force and effect for a period of two years after the adoption of this charter. At the end of two years, the board of county commissioners may by ordinance provide that the sheriff's civil service commission be terminated and that its duties be assumed by the personnel board established by this charter. In such an event, the personnel rules adopted by the personnel board shall not decrease or eliminate any of the rights, privileges and protections granted to the deputy sheriffs and other employees

covered by the sheriff's civil service system except to the extent permitted by the state constitution and general law.

Section 970. Board of Appeals.

The original members of the board of appeals shall be appointed and confirmed by June 1, 1969, and shall be appointed for the following terms: one for a seven year term, one for a six year term, one for a five year term, one for a four year term, one for a three year term, one for a two year term and one for a one year term. Thereafter, any new appointment, except to fill out an unexpired term, and any reappointment shall be for a seven year term.

Section 980. Administrative Offices and Executive Departments.

For a period of two years after the effective date of this charter, the board of county commissioners shall not abolish, combine or divide the administrative offices and the executive departments specified in this charter and shall not transfer the specified powers and duties from one office or department to another, except that the board of county commissioners may adopt an ordinance to combine the department of planning and the planning function of the office of budgets and accounts and to combine the department of finance and the accounting function of the office of budgets and accounts.

Section 990. Transition.

Except as provided by this article, the terms of office of elective county officers subject to this charter shall terminate on the effective date of this charter. All appointed officers and employees holding office on the effective date of this charter shall continue in the performance of their duties until their successors are appointed

or until their duties are transferred, altered or abolished in accordance with the provisions of this charter. All boards and commissions to the extent permitted by the state constitution are abolished as of the effective date of this charter unless re-established by ordinance. All ordinances and other official actions of the board of county commissioners which are in effect on the effective date of this charter and which are not inconsistent with this charter shall continue in effect until they are amended, repealed or superseded in accordance with the provisions of this charter. All rights, claims, actions, orders, obligations, proceedings and contracts existing on the effective date of this charter shall not be affected by the adoption of this charter.

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RE: LOCATIONS OF COPIES OF THE KING COUNTY FREEHOLDER MINUTES & RECORDS
From: Mrs. George Gunby, former King County Freeholder
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There have been numerous requests recently for information on the location of the King County Freeholder's Minutes and Records.

The original Minutes and Records are presently in the office of the King County Chief Civil Deputy, James Kennedy, on a loan from the office of the King County Administrative Officer, John Porter. No copies of the originals are available in the Courthouse.

Microfilm copies of the Minutes and Records (4 rolls, 2 positive and 2 negative) are stored in the King County Office of System Services, Wayne Smith, Administrator. Mr. Glen Nelson of the King County Department of Judicial Administration has stated that one of their departmental microfilm readers could be used. Authorization for the use of the films must be requested through the King County Executive's office.

A second set of microfilm copies has been sent to Dr. George Condon, Director, Division of Governmental Studies and Services, Washington State University and will be available at the library of the University.

We are grateful to the Washington State Library, Olympia, for reproducing 6 sets of copies of our complete Records and Minutes. These sets have been distributed to the following locations:

1. Seattle Public Library, Mr. Willard Youngs, Director
2. Seattle Municipal Library, Mr. Harold Wilson, Librarian
3. Political Science Library, University of Washington, Ruth Jeffries, Librarian
4. Washington State Library, Olympia, Wn., Charlotte Woods
Administrative Assistant
5. Washington State University Library, G. Donald Smith, Director
6. Mr. Paul Meyer, Consultant, State Department of Health, Olympia

Recently, in checking through a set of the minutes and records I became aware of the loss of the Index and the need of some additional reports which would make the records more complete. The Index, two reports from John Donaho, Management Consultant, the final approved 8x10 typed copy of the Charter, and an article from the April 1969, American County Government, written by Paul Meyer, former Executive Secretary, King County Freeholders, are being sent to the five libraries listed above and to Mr. James Kennedy, King County Chief Civil Deputy.

Wide distribution of this Memorandum and the Index will be sent to the enclosed list, to help inform all who may be interested in the availability of copies for use by public officials and citizens.

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