

PART I

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REVISED PROPOSAL FOR NINE KING COUNTY
COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICTS

A REPORT PREPARED FOR:
BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

July 24, 1968

RAJANIKANT N. JOSHI / URBAN PLANNING CONSULTANT
1714 N.E. 58 STREET, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98105

TABLE: NINE COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICTS -- POPULATION

<u>District No.</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
1	131,600	11.03 %
2	132,200	11.11
3	136,700	11.46
4	135,700	11.37
5	134,700	11.29
6	129,400	10.84
7	133,200	11.11
8	130,500	10.94
9	<u>129,500</u>	<u>10.85</u>
TOTAL	1,193,500	100.00%

TABLE 2: POPULATION BY CENSUS TRACTS WITHIN EACH COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICT

DISTRICT 1		DISTRICT 2		DISTRICT 3		DISTRICT 4		DISTRICT 5	
KC 70	6800	BV 1	9200	B2	4800	A1	7100	H1	5000
KC 71	5700	BV2	2800	B3	4300	A2	6600	H2	4800
KC 72	3100	BV3	4800	B6	5600	A3	6300	H3	2400
KC 73	7100	KC 1	700	C1	5900	A4	7800	I1	4700
KC 74	3100	KC 2	2200	C2	5100	A5	5100	I2	6000
KC 75	2200	KC 3	1900	C3	3600	B1	4800	I3	4400
KC 76	9600	KC 4	12600	C4	2700	B4	3900	J1	4600
KC 77	10800	KC 5	10100	D1	4700	B5	4900	J2	6500
KC 78	3100	KC 7	1900	D2	5300	F1A	400	J3	4700
KC 79	5300	KC 8	800	D3	5400	F1B	7200	K1	6100
KC 80	8000	KC 9	400	D4	8300	F1C	7500	K2	3700
KC 81	6400	KC 10	5400	D5	9300	F2	8600	K3	4400
KC 82	3600	KC 68	5600	D6	11000	G1	7500	K4	5100
KC 83	4800	KC 69	6900	D7	1800	G2	5200	K5	4500
KC 84	800	KC 110	9000	D8	3300	G3	4500	L4	7700
KC 85	4600	KC 111	36000	D9	1400	G4	3500	M1	3600
KC 86	6300	KC 112	13600	D10	2300	G5	4600	M2	3200
KC 87	2800	KI 1	8300	D11	3600	G6	6400	M3	3500
T 17	4100			D12	1900	L1	2000	M4	2900
T 18	6100	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>132,200</u>	E1	3100	L2	2000	M5	4400
T 19	8500			E2	4500	L3	1600	O1	2200
T 20	3900			E3	3700	L4	2000	O2	3100
T 21	2900			E4	4300	L5	2100	O3	1600
T 22	7800			T1	300	T6	3500	O4	
T 23	4200			T2	5800	T7	6700	P1	2700
				T3	4100	T8	4700	P2	5600
				T4	3500	T9	2600	P3	8000
				T5	3900	T10	5200	Q1	6200
				T12	4000	T11	3400	Q2	6800
				T13	2400			Q3	6300
				T14	1800	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>135,700</u>		
				T15	2800			<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>134,700</u>
				T16	2200				
				<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>136,700</u>				

DISTRICT 6

KC 11 12600
 KC 12 17800
 KC 13 8600
 KC 42 2500
 KC 50 3200
 KC 60 3000
 KC 61 6200
 KC 62 8600
 KC 63 8300
 KC 64 5100
 KC 65 13400
 R 5B 14800
 RE 1 9000
 RE 2 2900
 RE 3 2500
 RE 4 3600
 RE 5 3800
 TV 41 3500

TOTAL 129400

DISTRICT 7

KC 57 2200
 KC 58 3400
 N 1 5200
 N 2 7300
 N 3 12400
 N 4 6300
 O 4A 4800
 O 4B 2900
 R 1A 3000
 R 1B 3600
 R 2 7600
 R 3A 5900
 R 3B 5500
 R 4A 6100
 R 4B 7700
 R 5A 3500
 S 1A 7800
 S 1B 6100
 S 2 11300
 S 3 12900
 U 1 3400
 U 2 4300

TOTAL 133200

DISTRICT 8

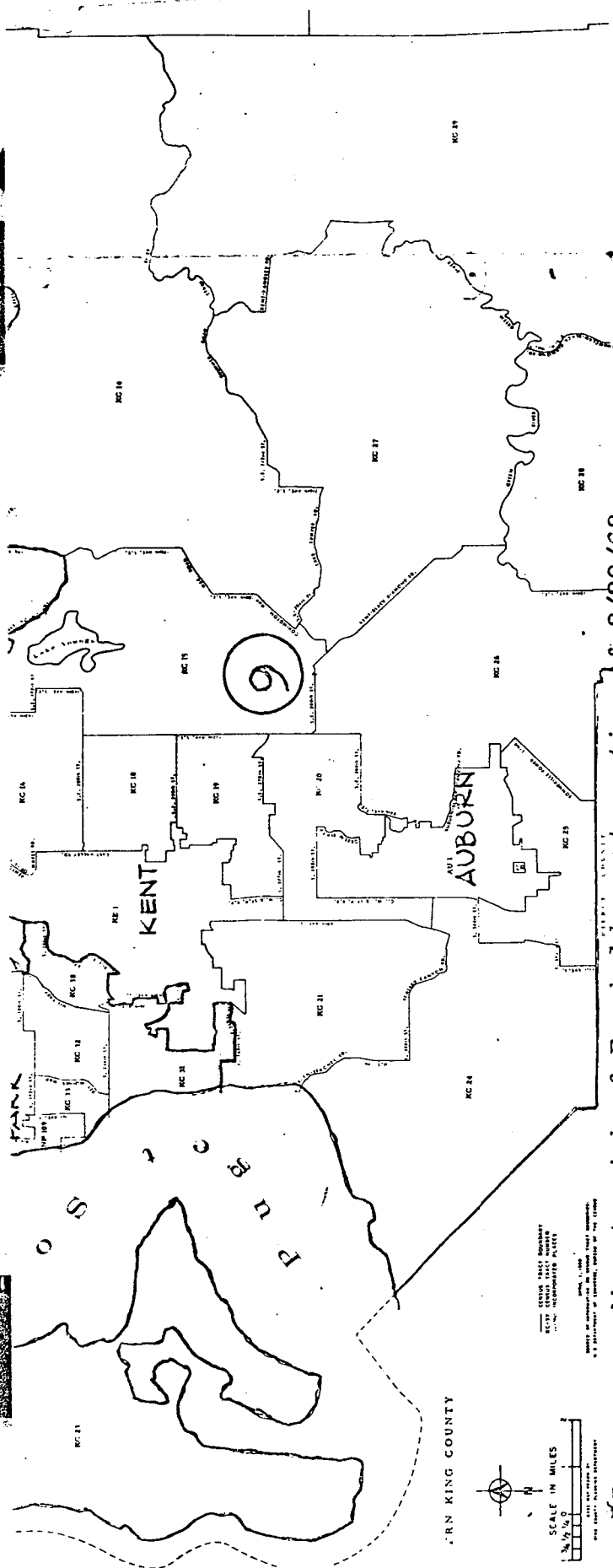
KC 23 6300
 KC 31 11300
 KC 32 8500
 KC 33 6800
 KC 35 4300
 KC 37 17300
 KC 38 3100
 KC 43 2900
 KC 44 4400
 KC 45 8000
 KC 46 4400
 KC 47 5900
 KC 48 5700
 KC 49 8600
 KC 51 3400
 KC 52 3400
 KC 53 8900
 KC 54 6400
 KC 59 6800
 NP 109 4100

TOTAL 130,500

DISTRICT 9

AV 1 18400
 EN 1 3900
 KC 14 5400
 KC 15 6500
 KC 16 7000
 KC 18 7700
 KC 19 4700
 KC 20 3900
 KC 25 5300
 KC 26 3500
 KC 27 3400
 KC 28 4400
 KC 29 2900
 KC 30 200
 KE 1 14900
 KC 21 15800
 KC 24 21600

TOTAL 129,500



*Drawn according to wish of Freeholders at meeting of 8/29/68
R.N. JOSHI / URBAN PLANNING CONSULTANT / JULY 24, 1968

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

M I N U T E S

BUSINESS MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

July 31, 1968

1. CALL TO ORDER.

The business meeting was called to order in Room 403 of the Court-house at 7:20 p.m. by Chairman Richard Albrecht. All Freeholders were present except Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Friedlander and Mr. Curran. Mr. Friedlander arrived later for the public hearing, as did Mr. Curran. Also present were Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary, and John Strasburger, Legal Counsel.

2. REPORT OF DISTRICTING COMMITTEE.

The Chairman stated that the purpose of this meeting was to consider the districting proposal and report submitted by the Districting Committee. The members of the Committee were Mr. Albrecht, Mr. Curran, Mr. Bothell, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Wampold.

After general discussion of the new nine-commissioner district proposal (attached), which was done in cooperation with Mr. Raj Joshi, who drew the commissioner district boundary lines in accordance with criteria established in the draft and refinements by the Committee, the following action was taken:

MOTION #1:

MOVED and SECONDED that the Board of Freeholders accept the Districting Committee's report.

VOTE: For, 11 Absent, 3 Not Voting, 1.

MOTION #2:

MOVED and SECONDED that the Districting Committee's report be adopted for incorporation in the draft Charter.

Before a vote was taken on Motion #2, there was general discussion, and substitute motions (Amendments) were made as follows:

MOTION #3:

MOVED and SECONDED that the Districting Committee work out a suitable compensation for Mr. Joshi's work in redrawing the commissioner district boundary lines.

VOTE: For, 12 Against, 0 Absent, 3.

MOTION #4:

MOVED and SECONDED that the Districting Committee, together with

Mr. Joshi, also submit to the Freeholders a seven-commissioner district proposal and report, before any action is taken on the nine-commissioner district report.

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

VOTE ON MOTION #1: For, 10 Against, 2 Absent, 3.

Discussion of other possible revisions to the Charter were postponed until a future meeting, due to the fact that the public hearing scheduled by the Board was about to commence.

3. PUBLIC HEARING.

At the public hearing many individuals spoke to the Freeholders regarding various sections of the preliminary working draft of the Charter. Attached and made a part of the record is a list of the names and addresses of those who spoke.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman thanked the public for attending the hearing, and reminded them that there would be another public hearing in the Pacific Science Center's "Eames Theatre" on August 7th at 7:30 p.m. He urged that they again attend, and make comments upon any sections of the draft Charter in which they were interested.

5. ADJOURNMENT - 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Gunby, Secretary

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BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS
NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF
PERSONS WHO SPOKE AT PUBLIC HEARING

July 31, 1968

Mrs. Brian Shera
3751 N. E. 192nd St.
Seattle, Wash. Phone - EM 2-4288

Mrs. Billie Nichols
1512 N. W. 63rd - Seattle

Mr. R. E. Kesterson
437 - 171st Place - Bellevue

Mrs. Wanda Thompson
213 Ninth Place - Renton

Mr. W. H. Philipp
1210 Fifth North
Renton, Wash.

Mr. Charles Bloch
10021 Marine View Drive
Seattle, Wash.

Mr. J. F. McDonald
764 South 293rd
Federal Way, Wash.

Mr. Glenn Battson
5712 Ashworth No.
Seattle, Wash.

Mr. Herb Larson
1116 No. 84th St.
Seattle, Wash.

Mr. Chet Wheeler
25449 - 104th S. E.
Kent, Washington

Mrs. Donald W. Jacky
19534 - 23rd N. E.
Seattle, Wash. 98155

Mrs. Pat Van Almkirk
15825 - 75th Pl. W.
Edmonds, Wash.

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS
KING COUNTY COURT HOUSE
Seattle, Washington 98104

PUBLIC MEETING - JULY 31

NAME	ADDRESS & PHONE (ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED)
Spoke Mr. Phillips (P.O. Box 1)	1210 - 5th Ave North Bellevue 98005
Spoke Chet Wheeler	25449 104TH ave Kent Planning Commission
Spoke RE Kesterson	437 - 171st PL NE, BELLEVUE B.A.S.I.C.
Press Jim Fields	JOURNAL NEWSPAPERS P.O. BOX 8107-Northgate Station Seattle 98111
Spoke Mrs. Brian Shera, Jr. Mrs. J. Kayence (AAUW)	3751 N. E. 192 St., EMERYVILLE (LWV) AAUW 2009 Lewis & Clark Pa 3-5100
Spoke Herb Larson William M Whisler (wants to be on mailing list)	Pres. King Co. Sup. Court 1116 N. 84th St. Seattle 121 So. 168th Seattle 98148
Mrs Donald W. Jacky	17534 - 23rd NE Seattle 98155

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

PUBLIC HEARING - AUGUST 7, 1968 - 7:30 P.M.

"EAMES THEATRE" - PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER

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The following persons gave their views on the proposed Charter:

John M. Teutsch, K. C. Planning Commission

C. A. Wheeler, " " "

Edward B. Sand, " " Director

Derrill T. Bastian, " " Legal Counsel

Mrs. Harold M. Mozer, League of Women Voters

Mr. Art Brown, 16020 Densmore Ave. No.
Senator Wes Uhlman

Mr. Frank Matz, 3717 43rd Ave. N.E., Seattle

Gordon Conger, Municipal League

Dr. Gordon LaZerte, representing Wash. State Medical Association

Charles Bloch, 10027 Marine View Drive S. W.

Jim Haase, President, Fed. Way Community Council

Attached here to is list of those who attended this public hearing.

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS
KING COUNTY COURT HOUSE
Seattle, Washington 98104

AUG. 7, 1968
PUBLIC HEARING

NAME	ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND ORGANIZATION REPRESENTED (IF ANY)
Tom H. Smith	1603-NE 45 th KIRKLAND, WA WA2-7583 King Co. Planning
Edward B. Sand	16720-4 th N.E. Seattle EM 4-0785 K.C.P.
Alvin Rask	4520-5th Ave N.E. Seattle WA 21225 L.A.
Wesley A. Wheeler	27112 104 th SE Kent WA 2-3890
Ernest K. Murray	1009-10 th Pl SE Bellevue SH6-2005 King Co. Planning
Samuel M. H. J. J. J.	1250 131 st Pl SE Bellevue
Samuel W. J. J.	186-Blair NE Bellevue
R. M. Langer	2247 11 th N. Seattle
Mrs Harold J. J. J.	4247-135 th Pl. S.E. Bellevue
Harold M. J. J.	4247-135 Pl SE Bellevue
K. J. J. J.	2212 Whalley Pl. W. Seattle
Art Brown	16020 Dansmore Ave. N., Seattle 98105
Wm. J. J. J.	207 College Club Bldg, Seattle
W. J. J. J.	35003 John St. Seattle, 98106-1000
W. J. J. J.	3717 43 rd Ave NE Seattle 98105-1420
W. J. J. J.	16718 Shoreline NE
Charles Bloch	1002-1-Marine View Dr. Seattle
Jim J. J.	28812 37 th Pl. SE FED WAY CO. CO.
W. J. J. J.	2617 So. Holly St. 7255012
W. J. J. J.	112 E. Rainier EA 3-6577
W. J. J. J.	

M E M O R A N D U M

August 9, 1968

TO: All Freeholders

FROM: Richard Albrecht, Chairman

We have received a large number of suggestions for improvement of the Charter from a number of sources in addition to those provided to us at the public hearings. The suggestions which seemed to be matters of form rather than substance are being incorporated into a revised draft which will be available to the Freeholders at our meeting Monday evening, August 12th, in Room 402 of the Courthouse at 7:30 p.m.

The enclosed list of Agenda items includes all of the suggestions that have been raised which are of a substantive nature, and which seem to have support from one or more of the Freeholders. I therefore believe we should consider each of these suggestions in the course of our future deliberations. There are bound to be further suggestions, and I hope each of you will submit the items you would like considered to the Freeholder office so that they can be added to the list prior to our next meeting, and the other Freeholders will be aware of them prior to the meeting.

I am still hopeful we can adopt the Charter in final form on September 4th. This means, according to our by-laws, that at least a week earlier we must go through the Charter section by section and make all final amendments. As you are aware, it is imperative that we have full attendance at that meeting.

I do not believe we can accomplish the necessary section-by-section consideration in a few hours; and therefore suggest an all-day meeting ---and, if necessary, a meeting that continues into the evening. Please be prepared to discuss Monday night your willingness to have this meeting scheduled for a week day rather than a Saturday, and your preference for the date for such a meeting.

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS
LIST OF AGENDA ITEMS
FOR CONSIDERATION BEGINNING AUGUST 12, 1968

1. Should the number of deputy assessors who are exempt from the personnel system be reduced?
2. Shall the provision guaranteeing county employment to former elected officials be limited so as to guarantee them that employment only until they reach retirement age?
3. Shall a county official whose office is abolished and seeks another public office not be allowed to hold a position in the county service?
4. Shall the prohibition against political activities be extended to department heads and appointees of the chief administrative officer?
5. Shall a county employee covered under Sec. 560 be prohibited from running for a political office unless he resigns from the county service?
6. Shall a provision be added to Sec. 820.10 permitting members of a part-time board or commission to continue to serve if they disqualify themselves from participating in any decision on a matter in which they may have a personal interest?
7. Shall the penalty for failure to file statements of campaign contributions and expenditures be strengthened with respect to losing candidates?
8. Shall a provision be added permitting a candidate for county office to file as an independent?
9. Shall the term Board of County Commissioners be changed to "County Council"?
10. Shall the terms of the members of the Board of Appeals be reduced from seven to four years?
11. Shall the limitation in Sec. 495 on the county entering into leases be stricken?
12. Shall the word "city" be changed to "Municipal Corporation" in Sec. 640?

13. Shall Sec. 540 be changed by removing appeal regarding "certification or preparation of eligibility lists" and substituting "appointment or promotion" in its place?
14. Shall the provision establishing departments and offices be moved to the transitory section?
15. Shall the executive be given authority to transfer current expenses appropriations without the consent of the agency concerned?
16. Shall the executive be given authority for inter-fund borrowing without approval of the county commissioners if the loan is to be repaid before the end of the year?
17. Should dollar limitations on purchasing and capital improvement projects be removed?
18. Should the investigation of deaths involving members of the Department of Public Safety be made the responsibility of a different department?
19. Should primary responsibility for the investigation of deaths be assigned to the Department of Public Health?
20. Should the exemptions from the personnel system be expanded to include all attorneys employed by the county as such?
21. Should the approval of the executive be required before any change can be made in executive departments or administrative offices?
22. Shall the office of County Property and Purchasing be combined?
23. Shall a provision be added to Sec. 220.50 which imposes a penalty for violation of such provision?
24. Shall the last sentence of Sec. 470.30 be deleted?
25. Shall the Charter recognize the obligation for financial and other support to the Intermediate School District IX?
26. Should the definition of emergency ordinances be broadened?
27. Should legislative action regarding the granting or removal of a franchise require a higher number of votes than other legislation?

28. Should some change be made in the right of a sponsoring organization to withdraw a referendum petition after sufficient signatures have been gathered?
29. Should the provision on initiative and referendum be amended to provide a different procedure when the ordinance in question affects only the unincorporated areas of King County?
30. Shall the effective date for certain non-discretionary ordinances be changed and these ordinances be exempted from veto and referendum decisions?
31. Should the restriction on the executive veto regarding collective bargaining be eliminated?
32. Shall the number of votes required to override an executive veto be increased to seven?
33. Should the 45-day delay in the effective date of ordinances be reduced?
34. Should the provision regarding initiative and referendum be changed so that ordinances approved at an election become effective immediately after the results of the election are certified?
35. Shall the Charter provide that an ordinance adopted by initiative or approved by referendum may not be repealed for two years?
36. Shall a provision be added to deal with the situation of an affirmative vote on both an initiative ordinance and a substitute ordinance submitted to a vote?
37. Shall Sec. 470.20 be revised to refer to supplemental appropriations which may be made to meet "unforeseen needs" rather than only emergencies?
38. Shall the Charter authorize the establishment of regional county offices to make county services available to outlying areas?
39. Shall a provision be added to Sec. 350.20.70 (b) providing for the department of planning to receive and consider applications for approval of sub-divisions?
40. Should a provision be added requiring the appointment of a planning commission for the purpose of advising on comprehensive plans, land use regulations, development regulations and the like?

41. Shall the Charter provide for a zoning administrator to deal with only zoning matters?
42. Shall the Charter provide that rezones be submitted to the Board of Appeals rather than the county commissioners?
43. Shall the department of planning be called an "agency" and given separate status under the Charter?
44. Should a provision be added that would make the assessor appointive or require certain qualifications for the office of assessor without Charter amendment in the event a change in the State law had this effect for general law counties?
45. Should a commissioner's repeated, unexcused absence from meetings be made the basis for removal from office?
46. Shall the salary of the chief executive be established independently of the legislative body's salary?
47. Should the number of exempt positions on the chief executive's staff be increased?
48. Shall the salaries of the county commissioners be limited by the Charter to \$6,000 per year?
49. Should the number of county commissioners be reduced to seven, with a provision that the number would automatically be increased to nine at the time of any redistricting when latest census figures indicate that King County population exceeds 1,500,000?
50. Should the period within which redistricting must be accomplished be shortened?

MINUTES

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

DELIBERATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO DRAFT CHARTER

August 12, 1968

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Albrecht called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. in Room 402, King County Courthouse. Freeholders present included Mr. Wampold, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Block, Mr. Geoffroy, Mr. Ackley, Mr. Friedlander and Mrs. North. Also present were Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary, and John Strasburger, Legal Counsel. Absent Freeholders were: Mr. Bothell, Mr. Curran, Mr. Eberle, Mrs. Gunby, Mr. McKenna and Mr. Schneider.

II. MINUTES.

The minutes of the July 22nd meeting were approved as distributed.

III. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman reported that Mr. Joshi's bill for drawing an additional nine-commissioner district proposal and map was \$180, and this amount was approved for payment.

The Chairman also stated that the Charter must be approved section by section, and then in its entirety. Since this will require a full day's work, an all-day meeting of the Board was set for August 29th. It was also proposed that meetings be held every Monday and Wednesday evening until the 50 agenda items plus any additional questions are answered.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

1. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that recommendations contained in the letter from the County Assessor, Mr. Allen Morgan, be incorporated into the Charter---eliminating the exemption of four deputy assessors, and including the chief deputy, an assistant, and one confidential secretary to be exempted from the personnel service.

VOTE: For, 8 Against, 1 Absent, 6.

2. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to limit guaranteed employment to elected officials until retirement age only.

VOTE: For, 6 Against, 0 Absent, 6 Not Voting, 3.

3. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to table item 3.

VOTE: For, Unanimous.

4. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to extend prohibition against political activity to department heads and appointees of Chief Administrative Officer.

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

5. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to add a provision allowing an employee to run for elective office if a leave of absence is taken.

VOTE: For, 8 Against, 1 Absent, 6.

6. MOTION: (Sec. 820.10) - MOVED and SECONDED to strike Sec. 820, and allow it to be provided by ordinance. (O'Connor left - 8:30 p.m.)

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

MOTION #2: MOVED and SECONDED that staff be directed to redraft Sec. 820.10 and 820.20 to provide for adoption of appropriate ordinance to define conflict of interest.

VOTE: For, 7 Against, 0 Absent, 8.

The Chairman pointed out that since Mr. Ackley left, no quorum is available, but the Agenda will be followed with appropriate votes taken.

7. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED Item 7 be stricken in its entirety, in order to leave the Charter provision as it now is written.

VOTE: For, 4 Against, 3 Absent, 8

8. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to add provision allowing a candidate for county office to file for primary election as an independent.

VOTE: For, 3 Against, 3 Not Voting, 1 Absent, 8.

MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF MAJORITY VOTE.

9. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to change the Board of County Commissioners to "County Council."

VOTE: For, 6 Against, 1 Absent, 8.

10. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to reduce terms of members of Board of Appeals from seven to four years.

VOTE: For, 6 Against, 0 Abstaining, 1 Absent, 8.

11. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to strike limitation in last three lines of Sec. 495 on county entering into leases.

VOTE: For, 2 Against, 3 Abstaining, 2 Absent, 8.

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12. Staff should change if necessary, the word "city" to "municipal corporation" in last line, page 29, Sec. 640. (This was indicated on a drafting determination with no vote needed).
13. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to change language of third paragraph, page 25, Sec. 540, to "appointment or promotion" from "certification or preparation of eligibility lists".
- VOTE: For, 4 Against, 0 Abstaining, 3 Absent, 8.
14. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED provision establishing departments and offices be moved to transitory section of charter, with the understanding the departments of assessments and judicial administration will remain in the main body.
- VOTE: For, 6 Against, 1 Absent, 8.
15. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that transfer provision be accepted.
- VOTE: For, 5 Against, 1 Abstaining, 1 Absent, 8.
16. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that inter-fund borrowing be accepted.
- VOTE: For, 5 Against, 0 Abstaining, 2 Absent, 8.
17. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that competitive bidding be required by county council, as established by general law or by ordinance. Motion made to delete reference to \$500, and change to strong admonition to use competitive bidding in all purchasing by county. MOVED and SECONDED to amend motion to include reference to general law of State of Washington.
- VOTE: For, 7 Against, 0 Absent, 8.
18. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that investigation of deaths in public safety department be assigned to different department.
- VOTE: For, 2 Against, 4 Abstaining, 1 Absent, 8.
- MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED the Board adjourn.
- VOTE: For, 2 Against, 3 Abstaining, 2 Absent, 8.
19. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to accept Dr. LaZerte's recommendation that primary responsibility for investigation of deaths be assigned to Department of Public Health, and that Department of Public Safety should investigate crime.
- VOTE: For, 3 Against, 2 Abstaining, 2 Absent, 8.
20. MOTION: MOVED and seconded that exemptions from personnel system be expanded to include all attorneys employed by county as such. MOVED and SECONDED to amend to include all other professional employees.
- VOTE: For, 3 Against, 3 Abstaining, 1 Absent, 8.
MOTION FAILS.

The Chairman reminded the Freeholders to let the office know of any additions to Agenda list, and of the meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 14th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 402 of the Courthouse.

MEETING ADJOURNED - 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Gunby
Virginia Gunby, Secretary

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Note: Revised Copy as of August 12, 1968

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)~~ and 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; except as otherwise provided herein shall have the power to establish, abolish, combine and divide administrative offices and executive departments and to ~~(prescribe their duties;)~~ establish their powers and responsibilities; 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. The specific statement of the particular legislative powers shall not be construed as limiting the legislative powers of the board of county commissioners.

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) whom 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

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, and an ordinance which is submitted to the voters by referendum and initiative shall be forty five days after its enactment unless a later date is specified in the ordinance.

An ordinance which is subject to the veto power of the county executive and 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

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 board of county commissioners and the individual commissioners shall not interfere in the administration, and 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 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 a 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) in this charter, the county executive shall have the right to veto any ordinance or any object of expense 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,

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. Motions.

The board of county commissioners may pass motions to confirm or reject appointments by the county executive, to organize and administer the legislative branch, to make declarations of policy which do not have the force of law and to request information from any other agency of county government. 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 (240-) 250. Referendum and Initiative.

(240-10-) 250.10. Referendum.

Except as provided herein, enacted ordinances 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) eight 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) results of the election are certified unless a later date is specified in the ordinance.

An emergency ordinance; an appropriation 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; an ordinance proposing amendments to this charter; or an ordinance which has been approved by the voters by referendum or initiative shall not be subject to a referendum.

(240-20-) 250.20. 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.)~~ first be given the choice of accepting either or rejecting both and shall then be given the choice of accepting one and rejecting the other. If a majority of those voting on the first issue is for either, then the one receiving the majority of the votes cast on the second issue shall be deemed approved. If a majority of those voting on the first issue is for rejecting both, then neither shall be enacted regardless of the vote on the second issue.

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) results of the election are certified unless a later date is specified in the ordinance.

(240-30) 250.30. Referendum and Initiative Petitions.

The board of county commissioners shall establish by ordinance the form to be used for 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. Within five five days after the form of the proposed petitions is submitted to him, the clerk of the board of county commissioners shall return them to the sponsor with an indication of his approval or with a detailed written explanation of his objections to the form.

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 not be held ~~(be-cancelled-)~~

Section (250-) 260. 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 review and report to the board of county commissioners concerning effectiveness and efficiency of the programs and operations of the county and shall consult with the office of budgets and accounts concerning the accounting procedures to be used by the executive branch. Annual audits shall continue to be performed by the state in accordance with general law.

Section (260.) 270. Office of Citizen Complaints.

The board of county commissioners shall establish an office to receive complaints concerning the operation of county government and shall grant it sufficient power to permit it quickly and efficiently

to investigate and to make and publicize recommendations concerning its findings, including the power to subpoena witnesses, documents and other evidence and to administer oaths. The subpoena power of the office of citizen complaints 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) elective 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; and 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 except as otherwise provided in this charter.

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 and shall comply with the rules of the personnel system when appointing officers and employees to positions covered by the career service.

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) or the board of appeals (can) may 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 services and public works which are not performed by county employees and shall purchase all real and personal property purchased by the county. (When-
ever-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.

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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 in the performance of his duties.

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 public open 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) plan for adoption by ordinance with or without amendments; 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.

~~(350.20.70.--(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-population7-for-the-location-of-public buildings7-for-a-system-of-public-ways-and-other-public-facilities, for-the-location-of-public-and-private-utilities7-public-housing, drainage-facilities-and-concerning-other-matters-beneficial-to-the county7-(2)-an-official-map-of-existing-rights-of-way-and-open-spaces and-proposed-modifications7-(3)-regulations-concerning-the-planning and-subdivision-of-land7-and-(4)-zoning-plans-including-zoning-maps-and-regulations.

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) shall include the proposed capital improvement program for the next six fiscal years, and the expenditures included in the budget for the ensuing fiscal year shall not exceed the estimated revenues.

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, but (and) the board of county commissioners may increase (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

er-to-the-extent) by reestimating the amount by motion passed by a minimum of six votes or (that-the-board-of-county-commissioners-creates) by creating additional sources of revenue which are not included in the proposed tax and revenue ordinances (proposed) presented 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 revenues 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 ordinances shall lapse at the end of the fiscal year. An appropriation in the capital budget appropriation ordinances 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-allocation) 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 to the county 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 for just cause; 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, according to the procedure established by ordinance. A personnel board member

shall serve a five year term and until his successor is appointed or elected, 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~~) classification or reclassification 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 (Covered and) Exempt from the Personnel System.

Employees and officers in the following positions shall not be (~~exempt-from~~) members of 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 chief of each executive department and administrative office; 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; court commissioners, clerks and personnel secretaries serving in the offices of the (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. All other county officers and employees shall be members of the career service.

Section 560. Political Activities.

A ~~(county-employee-employed-in-a-position-covered-by-the)~~ member of 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, at least 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) a 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.

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.

~~(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.~~

660.20. Election or Appointment to fill Vacancy.

A vacancy in an elective county office shall be filled at the next primary and general elections which occur in the county; provided that an election to fill the vacancy shall not be held if the successor to the vacated office will be elected at the next general election as provided in Sections 620 and 630. The term of office of an officer who

has been elected to fill a vacancy shall only be for the unexpired portion of the term of the officer whose office has become vacant and shall commence as soon as he is elected and qualified.

A majority of the board of county commissioners may temporarily fill a vacancy by appointment until the vacancy has been filled by election or the successor to the office is elected and qualified.

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 state agency as provided by general law or 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; and providing for the selection of those of its members who shall serve with representatives of cities or other agencies of government on any joint board or commission established by general law which hears appeals which would otherwise be within the jurisdiction of the board of appeals established by this charter.

ARTICLE 8

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 800. Charter Review.

At least every ten years after the adoption of this charter, the county executive shall review, or shall cause to be reviewed, the charter and shall present, or cause to be presented, to the board of county commissioners a written report recommending those amendments, if any, which should be made to the charter.

Section 805.(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,

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, or seek for others 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.

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 815. Contracts and Competitive Bidding.

The construction of all public buildings and works shall be performed by independent contractors; except that county road projects having a value of less than fifteen thousand dollars may be performed by county employees.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, whenever the value of any property to be purchased or any contract to be entered into by the county exceeds five hundred dollars, competitive bids shall be obtained after advertising; and at least three bids shall be obtained whenever possible. The property shall be purchased, or the contract shall be awarded, according to the procedure established by ordinance. A purchase, contract or project shall not be subdivided in order to avoid the requirements of competitive bidding and performance by independent contractors.

Competitive bidding shall not be required to contract for professional services, to purchase real property or personal property which is limited to a single source of supply, or in the event of an emergency.

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

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 and those which are specified as confidential by general law 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 sex, race, color, national origin, religious affiliation or age except by minimum age and retirement provisions; and the county shall not enter into any contract with any person, firm or corporation which discriminates on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religious affiliation or age except by minimum age and retirement provisions.

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 (to County Agencies and Officers) 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)~~ assume a position 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)~~ September 1, 1968, 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)~~ assume the position 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 or elected and confirmed by June 1, 1969. The appointed members shall be appointed for the following terms: one for a five (six) year term, one for a four year term, one for a three year term and one for a two year term and the member elected by the members of the career service shall be elected for one year. Thereafter, any new appointment or election, except to fill out an unexpired term, (~~and-any-reappointment~~) shall be for a five (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.

In addition to those employees and officers who are not members of the career service as provided in Article 5, the officers and employees in the following positions (~~in-addition-to-these-specified-in-Article-5 shall-be-exempt-from~~) shall not be members of the career service for the first two years after the effective date of the personnel system and thereafter until changed by ordinance: 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)~~ a similar position for which he is qualified 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)~~ a position similar to that in which he was employed on June 1, 1968, if it is covered by the career service. 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. ~~(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,~~) effective date of the personnel system, 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)~~ system established by this charter. In such an event, the personnel rules

adopted by the (personnel-board) board of county commissioners shall not be applied so as to 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, and, if a personnel rule cannot be applied to the deputy sheriffs and other employees covered by the sheriff's civil service system, the board of county commissioners may adopt special rules which will apply only to the deputy sheriffs and other employees covered by the sheriff's civil service system.

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) budget 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 holding office on the effective date of 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 whose functions have not been transferred by this charter to another agency of county government established by this charter shall continue to function for one hundred and twenty days after (~~to the extent permitted by the state constitution are abolished as of~~) the effective date of this charter, at the end of which time they are hereby abolished unless re-established or continued 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.

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA OF AUGUST 12th

August 14, 1968

1. Shall the Charter provide that redistricting be initiated by a special commission or committee prior to the action of the county council?
2. Shall the Charter remove the language "community services" in Section 350.20.60?
3. Shall the Charter require that a county employee elected to a public office resign his position?
4. Shall the Charter provide for exemption of administrative interns under Sec. 550?
5. Shall the Charter allow appeal to a court of competent jurisdiction in connection with the office of citizen complaints?
6. Shall the Charter insure that the executive have primary responsibility for collective bargaining in Section 890?
7. Shall the Charter provide that individuals may call their own witnesses in a hearing of the board of appeals?
8. Shall the Charter provide that an elected official removed from office in Sec. 660 may continue to hold office until all appeal procedures have been either terminated or expired?
9. Shall the Charter provide for the election of the Auditor?
10. Shall the Charter provide that the commencing salary of the county council be established at \$6,000?
11. Shall the Charter provide a stronger negative sanction for failure to redistrict within the time period in Sec. 630.30.50.
12. Shall the Charter make the violation of Sec. 670 a misdemeanor?
13. Shall the Charter provide a time limit for appeal in Sec. 720?
14. Shall Sec. 530 of the Charter provide for additional language allowing for an exemption policy to be established by legislative action?

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MINUTES

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

DELIBERATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO DRAFT CHARTER

August 14, 1968

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Albrecht called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. in Room 402, King County Courthouse. Freeholders present included Mr. Bothell, Mr. Block, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Geoffroy, Mr. Wampold, Mr. Schneider, Mr. Friedlander and Mr. Ackley. Mr. McDonald arrived at 8:20 p.m. Also present were Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary, and John Strasburger, Legal Counsel. Absent Freeholders were: Mr. Curran, Mr. Eberle, Mrs. Gunby, Mr. McKenna and Mrs. North.

II. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEMS: (Proposed changes to draft of August 12).

1. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that Item 21 be accepted; that Executive's approval should be required before any changes can be made in executive departments or administrative offices.

VOTE: For, 2 Against, 6 Not Voting, 1 Absent, 6.

2. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that the offices of County Property and Purchasing be combined as provided by Item 22.

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

3. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that Item 23, providing for a penalty in Sec. 220.50, be rejected.

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

4. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that Item 24, which would delete last sentence of Sec. 470.30, be approved.

VOTE: For, 6 Against, 3 Absent, 6.

Item No. 25 raises the question of how offices not affected by the 21st Amendment (School Superintendent, Prosecuting Attorney, Superior Court Judges, Justice Court Judges) will relate to the government established under a new home rule charter. In order to clarify the relationship and dispel any rumor that the on-going services of the county will not be provided to these offices the following motion was made:

5. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that the Charter remain silent as to the exempt offices, and that such silence not be interpreted that exempt offices shall not continue to receive support.

VOTE: For, unanimous.

6. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that the question posed by Item 26 be answered by including formal language in State Constitution as a description of an emergency appropriation, amending language of Sec. 230.40.

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

7. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to delay consideration of Item 27 and have staff prepare a report indicating what is included in a franchise; and to check arrangement whereby a public lease is effective five years with an option to purchase unamortized portion.

VOTE: For, 5 Against, 1 Not Voting, 3 Absent, 6.

8. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that last paragraph of Sec. 250.30 be deleted (Item 28).

VOTE: For, 8 Against, 0 Not Voting, 1 Absent, 6.

9. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED the Board reject Item 29.

VOTE: For, 9 Against, 0 Absent, 5 Not Voting, 1.
(Mr. McDonald arrives; Mr. Ackley leaves).

10. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that the Board reject Item 30.

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

11. Item 31 of the Agenda, regarding the restriction on executive veto dealing with collective bargaining, raised considerable discussion with the question divided as follows:

- a. Should the executive be made responsible for bargaining negotiations? MOVED and SECONDED to accept.

VOTE: For, 8 Against, 1 Absent, 6.

- b. Should an ordinance regarding a collective bargaining agreement be exempt from referendum? MOVED and Seconded to accept.

VOTE: For, 7 Against, 0 Not Voting, 2 Absent, 6.

- c. Should an ordinance providing for collective bargaining be exempt from referendum? MOVED and SECONDED to accept.

VOTE: For, 5 Against, 3 Not Voting, 1 Absent, 6.

- d. Should the word "not" be deleted from Sec. 890, allowing the executive a veto? MOVED and SECONDED to accept.

VOTE: For, 0 Against, 7 Not Voting, 2 Absent, 6.

12. Item 32 of the agenda brought up suggestions from the Freeholders regarding consideration of number in council, etc., and led to the following action:

MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to table Item 32 until after basic number of members of council is agreed upon.

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

13. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED the Board begin next meeting, August 19th, with special order of business to consider following:

1. Number in County Council.
2. Partisan or non-partisan elections.
3. Salary limitations.

VOTE: For, 5 Against, 4 Absent, 6

14. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to reconsider following special order of business whether executive should be elected or appointed.

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

15. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to make special order of business before reconsideration of executive, reconsideration of election by districts or at large.

VOTE: For, 3 Against, 5 Absent, 6 Not Voting, 1.

The Chairman indicated he will frame questions designed to elicit information from Freeholders who are not going to be here, and have their answers available for distribution.

16. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that effective date of ordinance be 10 days after its adoption, rather than 45 days. MOVED and SECONDED to amend Motion to provide that ordinance shall be effective 10 days after enactment---unless notice to circulate petition or referendum is filed within 10 days, in which case 45 days is acceptable.

VOTE: Amendment, unanimous. Main Motion, unanimous.

17. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED, regarding Agenda Item 34, the 45-day provision be changed to 10 days in matters approved by voters, unless later date specified by ordinance.

VOTE: For, unanimous.

18. MOTION: (Item No. 35) MOVED and SECONDED the Board not make any change to limit right of Council to repeal ordinances.

VOTE: For, unanimous;

MEETING ADJOURNED - 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Gunby
Virginia Gunby, Secretary

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BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Revised Agenda for
August 19, 1968

NOTE: All proposed changes are keyed to the revised draft of August 16, 1968.

I. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS

1. Shall the commencing salaries of the County Council be established at \$6,000 per annum? (Page 38, Sec. 950)
2. Shall the salaries of the County Council be limited by the Charter to \$6,000? (Page 38, Sec. 950)
3. Shall the number of the County Council Members be reduced to 7 with a provision that the number would increase to a maximum of 9 at the next Federal census with a county-wide population of 1,500,000 or more people? (Page 2, Sec. 220.10 et al)
4. Shall the Charter provide that all elected positions be established on a non-partisan basis? (Page 23, Sec. 620)
5. Shall the Charter provide that the method of selecting the Chief Executive be by appointment rather than election?

II. The following agenda items are those items not acted upon Aug. 12 plus other items which have been suggested subsequent to that time.

1. Shall the number of votes required to override a veto be changed to the same number required to enact an emergency ordinance? (Page 4, Sec. 230.20 and Page 5, Sec. 230.30)
2. Shall a provision be added to deal with the situation of an affirmative vote on both an initiative ordinance and a substitute ordinance submitted to a vote? (Page 6, Sec. 230.50)
3. Shall Sec. 470.20 be revised to refer to supplemental appropriations which may be made to meet "unforeseen needs" rather than only emergencies?
4. Shall the Charter authorize the establishment of regional county offices to make county services available to outlying areas?
5. Shall a provision be added to the department of planning to receive and consider applications for approval of subdivisions? (Page 36, Sec. 915.20.70)

6. Should a provision be added requiring the appointment of a planning board for the purpose of advising on comprehensive plans, land use regulations, development regulations and the like? (Page 36, Sec. 915.20.70)
7. Shall the Charter provide for a zoning administrator to deal with only zoning matters. (Page 36, Sec. 915.20.70)
8. Shall the Charter provide that rezones be submitted to the Board of Appeals rather than the county commissioners? (Page 36, Sec. 915.20.70)
9. Shall the department of planning be called an "agency" and given separate status under the Charter? (Page 36, Sec. 915.20.70)
10. Should a provision be added that would make the assessor appointive or require certain qualifications for the office of assessor without Charter amendment in the event a change in the State law had this effect for general law counties? (Page 13, Sec. 350.20.10)
11. Should a Council Member's repeated, unexcused absence from meetings be made the basis for removal from office? (Page 26, Sec. 660)
12. Shall the salary of the chief executive be established independently of the County Council's salary? (Page 38, Sec. 450)
13. Should the number of exempt positions on the chief executive's staff be increased? (Page 21, Sec. 550)
14. Should the period within which redistricting must be accomplished be shortened? (Page 25, Sec. 630.30.50)
15. Shall the Charter provide that redistricting be initiated by a special commission or committee prior to the action of the county council? (Page 24, Sec. 630.30.30)
16. Shall the Charter provide a stronger penalty for failure to redistrict within the time period? (Page 25, Sec. 630.30.50)
17. Shall the Charter remove the language "community services"? (Page 35, Sec. 915.20.60)
18. Shall the Charter require that a county employee elected to a public office resign his position? (Page 22, Sec. 560)
19. Shall the Charter provide for exemption of administrative interns? (Page 31, Sec. 550)
20. Shall the Charter allow appeal to a court of competent jurisdiction in connection with the office of citizen complaints? (Page 9, Sec. 260)

21. Shall the Charter provide that individuals may call their own witnesses in a hearing of the board of appeals? (Page 27, Sec. 730)
22. Shall the Charter provide that an elected official removed from office may continue to hold office until all appeal procedures have been either terminated or expired? (Page 26, Sec. 660)
23. Shall the Charter provide for the election of the Auditor? (Page 9, Sec. 250)
24. Shall the Charter make the violation of failing to report campaign contributions a misdemeanor?
25. Shall the Charter provide a time limit for appeal from a decision of the Board of Appeals? (Page 27, Sec. 730)
26. Shall the Charter provide for additional language allowing for an exemption policy to be established by legislative action? (Page 21, Sec. 550)
27. Shall the Charter provide that working conditions, hours and fringe benefits shall not be subject to referendum or initiative? (Page 6, Sec. 230,40)
28. Shall the Charter provide that the initial term of the chief executive shall be extended until the general election in 1973. (Page 37, Sec. 940)
29. Shall the Charter provide that those elected officials whose positions are abolished by the Charter only complete their term of office without continued appointment? (Page 39, Sec. 960,30)
30. Shall the Charter provide for amendment by initiative of not less than 15% of total number of votes cast at the last general election for county executive?

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

DELIBERATION - August 19, 1968

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Chairman Richard Albrecht called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. All Freeholders were present except Mr. Bothell, Mr. Friedlander, Mrs. Gunby and Mrs. North. Also present was Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary.

II. SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

The Chairman suggested that each member comment on the five items listed under "Special Orders of Business" on the Agenda before a vote was taken. Following are their comments:

Mr. Wampold:

1. Yes. Commencing salaries of the County Council should be established at \$6,000 per annum. With elected executive and administrator, we will not have need for a full-time County Council. \$6,000 is a reasonable sum to give them a feeling of responsibility.
2. No. Only the commencing salary should be limited, as far as County Council salaries are concerned.
3. Yes. The number of Council Members should be reduced to seven, with a provision that the number would increase to a maximum of nine at the next Federal census with a county-wide population of 1,500,000 or more people. Less confusion, less money, less government, and adequate representation.
4. No. Charter should provide that all elected positions be established on partisan basis, preferably.
5. No comment---knowing stand of most of Freeholders on importance of electing rather than appointing the chief executive.

Mr. Schneider:

1. No. Commencing salaries of County Council should not be \$6,000. This is not a part-time job. The electorate would rather pay more and get effective government.
2. No. Charter should not limit Council salaries.
3. Yes. Number of County Council should be reduced to seven, with provision for increase with growth of county.
4. Yes. Charter should provide for election on non-partisan basis.
5. Possible to appoint executive if commissioners were elected.

Mr. Eberle:

1. No. County Council salaries should not be established at \$6,000.
2. No. Salaries should not be limited to \$6,000.
3. Nine County Council members is a reasonable number.
4. No. Elections should be partisan.
5. No. Chief Executive should be elected, not appointed.
Strong executive requires strong council---only way to maintain balance of power. Council should be full time, want strong legislature and strong elected executive.

Mr. Ackley:

1. Would not be adverse to going to \$6,000 commencing salaries for part-time council, if zoning were referred to board of appeals rather than Council.
2. No. Salaries should not be limited to \$6,000.
3. Nine is not an outlandish number, for size of county.
4. Elections should be partisan, but not adverse to allowing individuals to file as independents.
5. Chief Executive should be elected, not appointed.

Mr. O'Connor:

1. No, Council salaries should not commence at \$6,000; \$18,000 for full-time commissioners. Part-time Council not strong enough. Executive runs other counties in which part-time commissioners are in office.
2. Salaries of Council should not be limited to \$6,000; rather \$18,000.
3. Yes. Charter should reduce number of Council to seven, with increase to nine.
4. Yes. Charter should provide for opportunity to file as independent.
5. No. Executive should be elected.

Mr. Geoffroy:

1. No. Not in favor of establishing Council commencing salaries at \$6,000.
2. No. Salaries of Council should not be limited. In favor of strong appointed executive and voluntary school-board type council, but keep executive and legislative branches strong.
3. Reduction to seven Council members satisfactory if majority does not oppose.

Mr. Geoffroy (contn'd.):

4. No. Elections should be partisan.
5. No. Executive should be elected as long as full-time Council; but if Council were part-time, then would suggest county manager form of government.

Mr. Curran:

1. No. Salaries should not commence at \$6,000. Believe in paying people in government an adequate salary. Can not expect to run government this size on part-time basis, with inadequate salaries.
2. No. Charter should not limit salaries of Council.
3. Yes. Number could be reduced to seven, with provision for increase as county population grows.
4. No. Believe in partisan election, but would accept people filing as independent.
5. Feel same as Mr. Geoffroy on last point. No, executive should be elected rather than appointed.

Mr. McKenna:

1. No. Council salaries should not commence at \$6,000; is for strong full-time government.
2. No. Salaries should not be limited.
3. Yes. In favor of five Council Members, but seven would be adequate.
4. No. Strongly for partisanship elections.
5. No. Executive should be elected. Not opposed to county manager.

Mr. McDonald:

1. No. salaries should not commence at \$6,000. \$14,000 for nine council members would be satisfactory.
2. Salaries should not be limited to a dollar amount.
3. No. Opposed to reducing Council to seven, nine should be minimum. Legislative body should be larger than nine, to represent people. With 1,200,000 people, not representative government with less than nine; should be more. Charter should be oriented to citizen.
4. No. Elections should be partisan. Politics is partisan.
5. Reservations: Charter allows executive to legislate. Should be administrator---but not be able to make administrative law.

Mr. Block:

1. No. Council should be full-time. Part-time government serves no one's common purpose.
2. There should be no salary limitation.
3. No. Reduction serves no common good. Take county government out of the shadows; to do this we need able men to make it work, nad it is presently a travesty.
4. Partisanship essential, but could allow person to run as independent. Believe Multnomah County Charter has this form, but is not used much---might be good public relations.
5. Executive must be elected, particularly when he is going to have central authority.

The Chairman stated that because the special orders of business involve fundamental questions that would alter Charter, an effort has been made to present all views, including those not present, whose comments are as follows:

Mrs. North:

1. No. Commencing salaries should not be established at \$6,000.
2. No, there should be no limitation.
3. No. Not in favor of reduction. Size of Council should remain 9.
4. Optional---whether partisan or non-partisan.
5. No. Favors elected executive.

Mr. Friedlander:

1. No limitation on initial salary.
2. No limitation on permanent salary.
3. Yes. In favor or reduction to seven with increase to nine as County grows.
4. Yes. Should be non-partisan.
5. No. Executive should not be appointed.

Mr. Bothell:

1. No. Salaries to remain at \$18,000.
2. No. Does not believe there should be a limitation.
3. No. There should be nine Council members.
4. No. Does not favor non-partisan elections.
5. No. No change in executive.

Mrs. Gunby:

1. No. Commencing salaries should be \$18,000/
2. No limitation should be set in Charter.
3. Yes. In favor of reduction to seven, with provision to increase to nine in 1980 or when census indicates 1,500,000 population, whichever occurs first.
4. Partisanship not necessary but would help sell Charter.
5. Executive should be elected.

The Chairman then set forth his own views on the five items:

Mr. Albrecht:

Most important thing this Charter can do in improving county government is to provide strong leadership in both executive and Council. Need to have an effective check---therefore, should have full-time Council. Seven is minimum on Council to provide proper representation.

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| 1. No | 4. Charter allows an independent to file, |
| 2. No | and should remain as it is. |
| 3. Yes | 5. Executive should be elected. |

ACTION ON SPECIAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

1. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to accept commencing salaries of County Council at \$6,000 per annum.

VOTE: For, 1 Against, 13 Not Voting, 1

2. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to accept limitation of County Council salaries by Charter to \$6,000.

VOTE: For, 0 Against, Unanimous.

A request was made and granted to place Item #3 last.

4. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to change all elected offices filing as partisan.

VOTE: For, 2 Against, 13.

5. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED the Charter provide that method of selecting Chief Executive be by appointment rather than election.

VOTE: For, 3 Against, 12.

3. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to reduce number of County Council Members to seven, with provision that number would increase to a maximum of nine at the next Federal census with a county-wide population of 1,500,000 or more people, assuming that a seven-member districting plan that is suitable would be provided by districting committee.

VOTE: For, 6 Against, 9.

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III. ACTION ON AGENDA ITEMS NOT ACTED UPON AUGUST 12th:

1. (a). MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED to change number of votes required to override veto to same number required to enact an emergency ordinance.

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

- (b). MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that 2/3 of Council should be able to pass an emergency ordinance and override a veto.

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

2. MOVED and SECONDED that a provision be added to deal with situation of an affirmative vote on both initiative ordinance and a substitute ordinance submitted to a vote. (Note: The Aug. 16th draft includes the proposed change and the vote reflects an acceptance of the new language.)

VOTE: For, 9 Against, 0 Not Voting, 1 Absent, 5.

3. (a). MOVED and SECONDED that Sec. 470.20 be revised to refer to supplemental appropriations which may be made to meet "unforeseen needs" rather than only emergencies.

VOTE: For, 1 Against, 6 Abstaining, 3 Absent, 5.

- (b). MOVED and SECONDED to strike Sections 470.10 and 470.20.

VOTE: For, 2 Against, 6 Abstaining, 2 Absent, 5.

- (c). MOVED and SECONDED to amend Sec. 470.20, allowing County Council to adopt an emergency ordinance concerning any funds after being requested by executive.

VOTE: For, 3 Against, 5 Abstaining, 2 Absent, 5.

4. MOVED and SECONDED that the Charter include permissive language authorizing the establishment of regional county offices to make services available to outlying areas.

VOTE: For, 8 Against, 1 Abstaining, 1 Absent, 5.

Items 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of Sec. II of Agenda were tabled.

10. MOVED and SECONDED that a provision be added that would make the Assessor appointive or require certain qualifications for the office of Assessor without Charter amendment in the event a change in the State law had this effect for general law counties.

VOTE: For, 3 Against, 7 Absent, 5.

11. MOVED and SECONDED that a Council Member's repeated, unexcused absence from meetings be made the basis for removal from office.

VOTE: For, 1 Against, 7 Abstaining, 2 Absent, 5.

12. MOVED and SECONDED that the salary of the chief executive be established independently of the County Council's salary.

VOTE: For, 3 Against, 5 Abstaining, 2 Absent, 5.

13. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that not more than four administrative assistants for county executive be exempt.

VOTE: For, 6 Against, 3 Abstaining, 1 Absent, 5.

Item No. 19 was discussed because of its relationship to Item 13. (At this point Mr. Curran and Mr. Schneider left---9:45 p.m.)

NOTE: Items 14 through 18 were tabled.

19. MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that Charter shall provide for exemption of administrative interns, in same section as temporary and part-time employees.

VOTE: For, 7 Against, 0 Abstaining, 1 Absent, 7.

MEETING ADJOURNED - 9:50 p.m.---with reminder of Wednesday meeting, 7:30 p.m., August 21st in Room 402, Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Gunby

Virginia Gunby, Secretary

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KING COUNTY CHARTER - DRAFT

August 16, 1968

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, and 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 county council.

Section 220. The County Council.

220.10. Composition and Terms of Office.

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

220.20. Powers.

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

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 county council and the individual councilmen shall not interfere in the administration, and shall not 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 councilman 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 county council shall hold a 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 in this charter, the county executive shall have the right to veto any ordinance or any object of expense 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 county council, veto the ordinance and return it to the county council 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 county council with a written and signed

statement of the reasons of 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 county council may override the veto or partial veto by enacting the ordinance by a minimum of six votes.

230.30. Emergency Ordinances.

Any proposed ordinance may be enacted as an emergency ordinance if the county council finds as a fact, and states in the ordinance, that an emergency exists and that the ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions. A minimum of seven votes shall be required to enact an emergency ordinance, and unless it is an emergency appropriation ordinance it shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive.

230.40. Referendum.

Except as provided herein, enacted ordinances may be subjected to a referendum by the voters of the county by filing with the county council prior to the effective date of the ordinance petitions bearing signatures of registered voters of the county equal in number to not less than eight 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 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.

An appropriation 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; an ordinance proposing amendments to this charter; an ordinance providing for collective bargaining; an ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement; or an ordinance which has been approved by the voters by referendum or initiative shall not be subject to a referendum.

230.50. Initiative.

Ordinances may be proposed by filing with the county council 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 county council 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 county council. 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 county council rejects the proposed ordinance and adopts a substitute ordinance concerning the same subject matter, the

substitute ordinance shall be placed on the same ballot with the proposed ordinance; and the voters shall first be given the choice of accepting either or rejecting both and shall then be given the choice of accepting one and rejecting the other. If a majority of those voting on the first issue is for either, then the one receiving the majority of the votes cast on the second issue shall be deemed approved. If a majority of those voting on the first issue is for rejecting both, then neither shall be approved regardless of the vote on the second issue.

230.60. Referendum and Initiative Petitions.

The county council shall establish by ordinance the form to be used for 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 county council as to the form of the proposed petitions before circulating them. Within five days after the form of the proposed petitions is submitted to him, the clerk of the county council shall return them to the sponsor with an indication of his approval or with a detailed written explanation of his objections to the form.

230.70. Effective Date of Ordinances.

Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the effective date of an ordinance shall be ten days after its enactment unless a later date is specified in the ordinance. If an ordinance may be subjected to a referendum as provided in Section 250.10 and if a proposed referendum petition is submitted to the clerk of the county

council as provided in Section 250.30 prior to the tenth day, the effective date of the ordinance shall be forty-five days after its enactment unless a later date is specified in the ordinance. If an ordinance is subjected to referendum, it shall not become effective until after it is approved by the voters. If it is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue, the effective date of an ordinance which is subjected to referendum or proposed by initiative, or a substitute ordinance proposed by the county council as provided in Section 250.20, shall be ten days after the results of the election are certified unless a later date is specified in the ordinance. The effective date of an emergency ordinance shall be the date of its enactment unless a later date is specified in the ordinance.

An ordinance which is subject to the veto power of the county executive and 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 county council overrides the veto or partial veto. 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 county council.

Section 240. Motions.

The county council may pass motions to confirm or reject appointments by the county executive, to organize and administer the

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; except as otherwise provided herein shall have the power to establish, abolish, combine and divide administrative offices and executive departments and to establish their powers and responsibilities; shall adopt by ordinance comprehensive plans including capital improvement plans for the present and future development of the county; 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 and to administer oaths; but the subpoena power of the county council shall be limited to matters relating to proposed ordinances which are being considered by the county council, and any witness shall have the right to be represented by counsel. The specific statement of particular legislative powers shall not be construed as limiting the legislative powers of the board of county council.

220.30. Organization.

The county council 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 whom it deems necessary to assist it or individual councilmen in the exercise of their legislative powers and shall appoint a clerk to maintain its records.

220.40. Rules of Procedure.

The county council 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.

the legislative branch, to make declarations of policy which do not have the force of law and to request information from any other agency of county government. Motions shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive, and the county council in passing motions need not comply with the procedural requirements for the introduction, consideration and adoption of ordinances.

Section 250. County Auditor.

The county auditor shall be appointed by the county council, shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, a current post audit of the financial operations of the county government, shall review and report to the county council concerning effectiveness and efficiency of the programs and operations of the county and shall consult with the office of budgets and accounts concerning the accounting procedures to be used by the executive branch. Annual audits shall continue to be performed by the state in accordance with general law.

Section 260. Office of Citizen Complaints.

The county council shall establish an office to receive complaints concerning the operation of county government and shall grant it sufficient power to permit it quickly and efficiently to investigate and to make and publicize recommendations concerning its findings, including the power to subpoena witnesses, documents and other evidence and to administer oaths. The subpoena power of the office of citizen complaints 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 county council and the members of boards and commissions except 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 councilman.

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 elective officers by this charter; shall supervise all administrative offices and executive departments established by this charter or created by the county council; 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 county council shall appoint a councilman or councilmen to serve on the board or commission with him; shall present to the county council an annual statement of the financial and governmental affairs of the county and any other report which he may deem necessary shall prepare and present to the county council 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 county council 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 county council 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; and shall sign, or cause to be signed, on behalf of the county all deeds, contracts and other instruments. The specific statement of particular executive powers shall not be construed as limiting the executive powers of the county executive.

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 except as otherwise provided in this charter.

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 and shall comply with the rules of the personnel system when appointing officers and employees to positions covered by the career service.

340.40. Confirmation.

The appointments by the county executive shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the county council. 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 a member of the career service may be removed at any time by the officer who appointed him, except that a member of the personnel board or the board of appeals may be removed only by a majority of the county council as provided in this charter.

Section 350. Administrative Offices and Executive Departments.

The executive branch shall be divided by the county council by ordinance into administrative offices and executive departments.

350.10. Administrative Offices.

The administrative offices shall consist of those agencies of the executive branch which provide administrative services for the various agencies of county government.

350.20. Executive Departments.

The executive departments shall consist of the department of assessments, the department of judicial administration and those agencies of the executive branch which are primarily engaged in the execution and enforcement of ordinances and statutes concerning the public peace, health and safety and which furnish or provide governmental services directly to or for the residents of the county.

350.20.10. 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 county council.

350.20.20. 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.

The department of judicial administration 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 by the county council.

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 county council 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 county council 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 ordinances, the proposed appropriation, tax and revenue ordinances presented by the county executive shall be deemed enacted on the forty-sixth day as if they had been adopted by the county council.

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 county executive information necessary to prepare the budget.

Section 430. Contents of Budget.

The budget 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; shall include the proposed capital improvement program for the next six fiscal years, and the expenditures included in the budget for the ensuing fiscal year shall not exceed the estimated revenues.

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 councilman. 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 and shall be available for public inspection.

Section 460. Consideration and Adoption of Appropriation Ordinances.

Prior to the adoption of any appropriation ordinances for the next fiscal year, the county council 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 county council 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 county council shall not exceed the estimated revenues of the county for the next fiscal year for each fund including surpluses and reserves, but the county council may increase the amount

of the estimated revenues contained in the budget presented by the county executive by re-estimating the amount by motion passed by a minimum of six votes or by creating additional sources of revenue which are not included in the proposed tax and revenue ordinances presented by the county executive.

Section 470. Additional Appropriations.

470.10. Contingency Appropriations.

The appropriation ordinances shall include contingency funds which shall not be expended unless the county executive certifies in writing that sufficient funds are available and the county council adopts an additional appropriation ordinance after being requested to do so by the county executive.

470.20. Emergency Appropriations.

The county council may adopt an emergency appropriation ordinance after being requested to do so by the county executive which may appropriate contingency funds, revenues received in excess of the revenues estimated in the budget and funds from any other source available to the county in an emergency.

470.30. Additional Capital Budget Appropriations.

The county council shall not adopt an additional or amended capital budget appropriation ordinance during the fiscal year unless requested to do so by the county executive.

Section 475. Work Programs and Allotments.

Within thirty days after the adoption of the appropriation

ordinances, each agency of county government except the county council 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 the county executive may allot, realLOT and withhold appropriations. At any time during the fiscal year, 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 county council 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 county planning agency.

Section 480. Lapses of Appropriations.

Unless otherwise provided by the appropriation ordinances, all unexpended and unencumbered appropriations in the current expense appropriation ordinances shall lapse at the end of the fiscal year. An appropriation in the capital budget appropriation ordinances 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 county council 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 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 county council 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 to the county 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. Administration.

The county executive shall administer the personnel system of the county in accordance with the personnel rules adopted by the county council by ordinance. The county administrative officer shall prepare and present proposed personnel rules to the county executive who shall present a proposed ordinance establishing the personnel rules to the county council 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 for just cause; 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 county council. One member of the personnel board shall be elected by secret ballot by the county employees who are members of the career service, according to the procedure established by ordinance. A personnel board member shall serve a five year term and until his successor is appointed or elected, with one member being appointed each year. A majority of the county council, 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 county council. The county council 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 classification or reclassification 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 Covered and Exempt from the Personnel System.

Employees and officers in the following positions shall not be members of the career service: all elected officers; the county auditor, the clerk and all other employees of the county council; the county administrative officer; the chief officer of each executive department and administrative office; 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; a chief deputy for the county

assessor; one confidential secretary each for the county executive, the chief officer of each executive department and administrative office, and for each administrative assistant specified herein; court commissioners, bailiffs, and personal secretaries serving in the offices of the superior court judges; court commissioners, clerks and personnel secretaries serving in the 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; all persons serving the county without compensation; physicians; surgeons; dentists; interns; student nurses and inmates employed by county hospitals, tuberculosis sanitariums and health departments of the county. All other county officers and employees shall be members of the career service.

Section 560. Political Activities.

The county administrative officer, the chief officer of each administrative office and executive department except the department of assessments, the officers and employees of each administrative office and executive department except the department of assessments who are not members of the career service and all members of the career service 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; but a member of the career service who takes a leave of absence may file for election to an elective office without being subject to the provisions of this section.

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, at least twenty-one years of age, a citizen of the United States and a resident and registered voter of King County; and each county councilman shall be a resident of the district which he represents. Any change in the boundaries of a councilman's district which shall cause him 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. Councilmen.

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 councilmen 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 1961 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 county council in 1971 and at least every five years thereafter. If the size, shape and population of the districts comply with the requirements of this charter, the county council 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 county council 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 county council which shall provide for their

compensation. No more than a simply majority of the committee shall be affiliated with the same political party. The districting committee shall present a districting recommendation to the county council within four months after the committee has been appointed and confirmed.

630.30.40. Consideration by County Council.

The county council 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 county council 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 county council fails to enact a districting ordinance during the year in which it is required to do so by this charter, the compensation of the councilmen 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 councilmen 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.

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 county council; or failure to fulfill or continue to fulfill the qualifications for office.

660.10. Election or Appointment to Fill Vacancy.

A vacancy in an elective county office shall be filled at the next primary and general elections which occur in the county; provided that an election to fill the vacancy shall not be held if the successor to the vacated office will be elected at the next general election as provided in Section 620 and 630. The term of office of an officer who has been elected to fill a vacancy shall only be for the unexpired portion of the term of the officer whose office has become vacant and shall commence as soon as he is elected and qualified.

A majority of the county council may temporarily fill a vacancy by appointment until the vacancy has been filled by election or the successor to the office is elected and qualified.

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 county council. Each member of the board of appeals shall serve a four year term and until his successor is appointed. Two members shall be each year; except that every fourth year, only one member shall be appointed. A majority of the county council, 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 county council. The county council 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 executive branch and from any valuation by the department of assessments. The county council 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 state agency as provided by general law or 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; and providing for the selection of those of its members who shall serve with representatives of cities or other agencies of government on any joint board of commission established by general law which hears appeals which would otherwise be within the jurisdiction of the board of appeals established by this charter.

ARTICLE 8

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 800. Charter Review and Amendments.

At least every ten years after the adoption of this charter, the county executive shall review, or shall cause to be reviewed, the charter and shall present, or cause to be presented, to the county council a written report recommending those amendments, if any, which should be made to the charter.

The county council 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.

Section 815. Contracts and Competitive Bidding.

The construction of all public buildings and works shall be performed by independent contractors; except that county road projects having a value of less than fifteen thousand dollars may be performed by county employees. Whenever the county would have been required to do so by general law if it had not adopted this charter, it shall purchase all property and award all contracts by competitive bidding in accordance with the procedures established by ordinance.

Section 820. Conflict of Interest.

The county council shall adopt an ordinance prohibiting an officer or employee of the county when it might conflict with the performance of his official duties from directly or indirectly: receiving or having any financial interest in any sale to or by the county of any service or property; accepting or seeking for others any

service or thing of value on more favorable terms than those granted to the public generally from any person, firm or corporation having dealings with the county; or accepting any gift from any person, firm or corporation having dealings with the county. The ordinance shall include civil and criminal penalties for the negligent or willful violation of this section by any county officer or employee or by any person, firm or corporation having dealings with 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, those which would invade a person's right of privacy and those which are specified as confidential by general law shall be open for public inspection; and the agency 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 sex, race, color, national origin, religious affiliation or age except by minimum age and retirement provisions; and the county shall not enter into any contract with any person, firm or corporation which discriminates on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religious affiliation or age except by minimum age and retirement provisions.

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 county council 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 county council.

Section 860. References to County Agencies and Officers 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 county council 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 county council 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 county council 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 county council shall also provide for an annual supplement.

Section 890. Employee Representation.

The county council 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 the county executive as 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.

Section 895. Mandatory Inquests.

An inquest shall be held to investigate the causes and circumstances of any death involving a member of the law enforcement agency of the county.

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 councilmen 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 districts of the councilmen shall be as follows:

Section 915. Administrative Offices and Executive Departments.

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

915.10. Administrative Offices:

915.10.10. 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.

915.10.20. 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.

915.10.30. 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.

915.10.40. Office of Property and Purchasing.

The office of property and purchasing 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, shall negotiate the lease or sale of county property, shall contract for all services and public works which are not performed by county employees and shall purchase all real and personal property purchased by the county.

915.20. Executive Departments.

915.20.10. 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.

915.20.20. Department of Public Safety.

The department of public safety shall enforce law and order,

shall administer the county jail and shall be responsible for civil defense.

915.20.30. 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 and shall investigate deaths.

915.20.40. 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; 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.

915.20.50. 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.

915.20.60. 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 public open space and other community services.

915.20.70. Department of Planning.

The department of planning shall prepare and present to the county executive and the county council comprehensive plan for adoption by ordinance with or without amendments; 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.

915.20.75. 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.

915.30. Modification of Administrative Offices and Executive Departments.

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

departments of finance and the accounting function of the office of budgets and accounts.

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 assume a position as a county commissioner on the county council established by this charter and shall represent the councilman district established by this charter in which he resides on September 1, 1968, in which case a special election for the first councilman 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 assume the position 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 councilmen 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 councilmen 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 councilmen representing odd numbered districts shall expire when their successors are elected at the general election in 1973 and have qualified.

Section 950. Compensation.

The councilmen 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 councilman. Thereafter all compensation shall be established by the county council by ordinance.

Section 960. The Personnel System.

960.10. Personnel Board Members.

The original members of the personnel board shall be appointed or elected and confirmed by June 1, 1969. The appointed members shall be appointed for the following terms: one for a five year term, one for a four year term, one for a three year term and one for a two year term; and the member elected by the members of the career service shall be elected for one year. Thereafter, any new appointment or election, except to fill out an unexpired term, shall be for a five year term.

960.20. Effective Date.

The county executive shall present to the county council 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. 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 including rules concerning compulsory retirement but excluding the rules concerning initial appointment.

960.40. County Employees.

A county officer or employee employed by the county on the effective date of the personnel system shall be entitled to be appointed to a similar position covered by the career service for which he is qualified subject to all of the personnel rules including those concerning compulsory retirement but excluding 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 a position covered by the career service similar to that in which he was employed on June 1, 1968. 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.

960.50. 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 effective date of the personnel system, the county council may by ordinance provide that the sheriff's civil service commission be terminated and that its duties be assumed by the personnel system established by this charter. In such an event, the personnel rules adopted by the county council shall not be applied so as to 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; and, if a personnel rule cannot be applied to the deputy sheriffs and other employees covered by the sheriff's civil service system, the county council may adopt special rules which will apply only to the deputy sheriffs and other employees covered by the sheriff's civil service system.

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: two for a four year term, two for a three year term, two 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 county council shall not abolish, combine or divide the administrative offices and the executive departments specified in this section and shall not transfer the specified powers and duties from one office or department to another, except that the county council may adopt an ordinance to combine the department of planning and the budget 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 holding office on the effective date of 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 whose functions have not been transferred by this charter to another agency of county

government established by this charter shall continue to function for one hundred and twenty days after the effective date of this charter, at the end of which time they are hereby abolished unless re-established or continued 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.

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Revised Agenda For
August 21, 1968

- I. Discussion of format for August 29th meeting and date for final adoption of Charter.
- II. The following agenda items are those items not acted upon August 12th or August 19th, plus other items which have been suggested subsequent to that time.
 1. Shall the Charter provide for additional language allowing for an exemption policy to be established by legislative action? (P. 21, Sec. 550).
 2. Shall the period within which redistricting must be accomplished be shortened? (P. 25, Sec. 630.30.50).
 3. Shall the Charter provide that redistricting be initiated by a special commission or committee prior to the action of the County Council? (P. 24, Sec. 630.30.30).
 4. Shall the Charter provide a stronger penalty for failure to redistrict within the time period? (P. 25, Sec. 630.30.50).
 5. Shall the procedural provisions relating to planning be deleted from the Charter? (P. 36, Sec. 915.20.70).
 6. Should a provision be added requiring the appointment of a planning board for the purpose of advising on comprehensive plans, land use regulations, development regulations and the like? (P. 36, Sec. 915.20.70).
 7. Shall the Charter provide for a zoning administrator to deal with only zoning matters? (P. 36, Sec. 915.20.70).
 8. Shall the Charter provide that rezones be submitted to the Board of Appeals rather than the County Council? (P. 36, Sec. 915.20.70).
 9. Shall the department of planning be called an "agency" and given separate status under the Charter? (P. 36, Sec. 915.20.70).
 10. Shall the Charter remove the language "community services"? (P. 35, Sec. 915.20.60).
 11. Shall the word "welfare" be removed from the Charter, leaving only "Department of Public Health"? (P. 35, Sec. 915.20.30).
 12. Shall the Charter provide that individuals may call their own witnesses in a hearing of the Board of Appeals? (P. 27, Sec. 730).
 13. Shall the Charter provide that the legislative body be empowered to make their own rules of conduct? (P. 26, Sec. 660).

14. Shall the Charter provide that an elected official removed from office may continue to hold office until all appeal procedures have been either terminated or expired? (P. 26, Sec. 660.)
15. Shall the Charter provide for the election of the Auditor? (P. 9, Sec. 250).
16. Shall the Charter provide a time limit for appeal from a decision of the Board of Appeals? (P. 27, Sec. 730).
17. Shall the Charter require that a county employee elected to a public office resign his position? (P. 22, Sec. 560).
18. Shall the Charter allow appeal to a court of competent jurisdiction in connection with the office of citizen complaints? (P. 9, Sec. 260).
19. Shall the Charter provide that working conditions, hours and fringe benefits shall not be subject to referendum or initiative?
20. Shall the Charter provide that the initial term of the chief executive shall be extended until the general election in 1973? (P. 37, Sec. 940).
21. Shall the Charter provide that those elected officials whose positions are abolished by the Charter only complete their term of office without continued appointment? (P. 39, Sec. 960.30).
22. Shall the Charter provide for amendment by initiative of not less than 15% of total number of votes cast at the last general election for county executive?
23. Shall the Charter provide that a candidate for county elected office be able to file as an "independent"? (P. 24, Sec. 630.20).
24. Shall the Charter provide for the operation of county government in the event of a nuclear attack or large-scale disaster?
25. Shall the Charter establish a separate department to administer mass transit and the airport?

August 22, 1968

TO: All Freeholders

FROM: Richard Albrecht, Chairman

Please take notice that the next meeting will be the first meeting on the final adoption of the Charter, and will be held beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 29, 1968, in the Meisnest Room on the 4th floor of the Washington Athletic Club.

You are reminded that, according to our by-laws, the Charter is to be voted on and be subject to amendments section by section. After it has been adopted section by section, it is then to be voted on as a whole at this meeting.

The second meeting on final adoption of the Charter, at which no amendments are allowed, is tentatively scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 6, 1968, at Room 402 of the King County Courthouse.

At both the August 29th and the September 6th meetings, adoption of any section, of any proposed amendment, and of the Charter as a whole, must be by the affirmative vote of a majority of the entire Board.

I am sure a number of you will have amendments you wish to propose at the August 29th meeting. In order to make the meeting as orderly as possible, and to afford a reasonable chance of completing our agenda on that date, I urge each of you to do the following:

1. Please make every effort to assure us 100% attendance.
2. Please read over carefully the enclosed draft, which encompasses all changes made to date. This is your last chance to propose changes!
3. Please submit to the staff in advance of the meeting and as soon as possible all amendments you intend to propose at the August 29th meeting. The staff has been instructed to cooperate and assist in drafting proposed revised language in advance of the meeting to assure that amendments are given the same care in drafting as other portions of the Charter.
4. Please be prepared to state as succinctly as possible your reasons for and against all matters to be debated at the August 29th meeting.
5. Please be prepared for this meeting to last all day and into evening, if necessary.

To the extent possible, copies of all amendments being proposed will be distributed to all freeholders in advance of the August 29th meeting. Copies of proposed alternative language to permit the filing of "independent" candidates for election to county office will also be distributed in advance as requested at the August 21st meeting.

On August 19th, the proposal to reduce the number of councilmen to seven with a provision that it would automatically increase to nine when the population of the County reaches 1,500,000 failed by a vote of 9 to 6. Two of the Freeholders who voted with the majority have advised me that they have changed their position. Upon their representation, and upon their promise to underwrite the cost of Mr. Joshi's assistance if the Freeholders reject the seven-district proposal, I have ordered the districting committee reactivated to propose a seven-district plan that may be acceptable to the Freeholders. I propose that this plan be considered on August 29th at the time we consider the first Charter section that would have to be changed if we adopted the proposal.

Because we do not possibly have time on August 29th to consider again all amendments that have previously been proposed and rejected, I hope each of you will submit only those amendments which you believe are truly important to the quality of the Charter and those which you believe may have more than minimal support.

Thank you all for your courtesy throughout our deliberative sessions to date. I hope your cooperative spirit will continue through our final deliberations.


RICHARD R. ALBRECHT

KING COUNTY CHARTER - DRAFT

For Consideration at Meeting of August 29, 1968

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, and 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. Regional county offices may be established by ordinance.

ARTICLE 2

THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section 210. Composition.

The legislative branch shall be composed of the county council.

Section 220. The County Council.

220.10. Composition and Terms of Office.

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

220.20. Powers.

The county council shall be the policy determining body of the county and shall have all legislative powers of the county under this charter. The county council 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; except as otherwise provided herein shall have the power to establish, abolish, combine and divide administrative offices and executive departments and to establish their powers and responsibilities; shall adopt by ordinance comprehensive plans including capital improvement plans for the present and future development of the county; 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 and to administer oaths, but the subpoena power of the county council shall be limited to matters relating to proposed ordinances which are being considered by the county council, and any witness shall have the right to be represented by counsel. The specific statement of particular legislative powers shall not be construed as limiting the legislative powers of the board of county council.

220.30. Organization.

The county council 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 whom it deems necessary to assist it or individual councilmen in the exercise of their legislative powers and shall appoint a clerk to maintain its records.

220.40. Rules of Procedure.

The county council 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 county council and the individual councilmen shall not interfere in the administration, and shall not 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 councilman 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 county council shall hold a 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 in this charter, the county executive shall have the right to veto any ordinance or any object of expense of an appropriation ordinance. Every ordinance shall be presented to the county executive within five days after its adoption or enactment by the county council. Within ten days after its presentation, the county executive shall either sign the ordinance and return it to the county council, veto the ordinance and return it to the county council 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 county council with a written and signed

statement of the reasons of 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 county council may override the veto or partial veto by enacting the ordinance by a minimum of six votes.

230.30. Emergency Ordinances.

Any proposed ordinance may be enacted as an emergency ordinance if the county council finds as a fact, and states in the ordinance, that an emergency exists and that the ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions. A minimum of seven votes shall be required to enact an emergency ordinance; and unless it is an emergency appropriation ordinance, it shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive.

230.40. Referendum.

Except as provided herein, an enacted ordinance may be subjected to a referendum by the voters of the county by filing with the county council prior to the effective date of the ordinance petitions bearing signatures of registered voters of the county equal in number to not less than eight 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 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.

An appropriation 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; an ordinance proposing amendments to this charter; an ordinance providing for collective bargaining; an ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement; an ordinance providing for the compensation and working conditions of county employees; or an ordinance which has been approved by the voters by referendum or initiative shall not be subject to a referendum.

230.50. Initiative.

Ordinances may be proposed by filing with the county council 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 county council shall consider the proposed ordinance. If the proposed ordinance is not enacted 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 county council. 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 county council rejects the proposed ordinance and adopts a substitute ordinance concerning the same subject matter, the

substitute ordinance shall be placed on the same ballot with the proposed ordinance; and the voters shall first be given the choice of accepting either or rejecting both and shall then be given the choice of accepting one and rejecting the other. If a majority of those voting on the first issue is for either, then the one receiving the majority of the votes cast on the second issue shall be deemed approved. If a majority of those voting on the first issue is for rejecting both, then neither shall be approved regardless of the vote on the second issue.

230.60. Referendum and Initiative Petitions.

The county council shall establish by ordinance the form to be used for 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 county council as to the form of the proposed petitions before circulating them. Within five days after the form of the proposed petitions is submitted to him, the clerk of the county council shall return them to the sponsor with an indication of his approval or with a detailed written explanation of his objections to the form.

230.70. Effective Date of Ordinances.

Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the effective date of an ordinance shall be ten days after its enactment unless a later date is specified in the ordinance. If an ordinance may be subjected to a referendum as provided in Section 230.40 and if a proposed referendum petition is submitted to the clerk of the county

council as provided in Section 250.30 prior to the tenth day, the effective date of the ordinance shall be forty-five days after its enactment unless a later date is specified in the ordinance. If an ordinance is subjected to referendum, it shall not become effective until after it is approved by the voters. If it is approved by a majority of the voters voting on the issue, the effective date of an ordinance which is subjected to referendum or proposed by initiative, or a substitute ordinance proposed by the county council as provided in Section 230.50, shall be ten days after the results of the election are certified unless a later date is specified in the ordinance. The effective date of an emergency ordinance shall be the date of its enactment unless a later date is specified in the ordinance.

An ordinance which is subject to the veto power of the county executive and 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 county council overrides the veto or partial veto. 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 county council.

Section 240. Motions.

The county council may pass motions to confirm or reject appointments by the county executive, to organize and administer the

the legislative branch, to make declarations of policy which do not have the force of law and to request information from any other agency of county government. Motions shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive, and the county council in passing motions need not comply with the procedural requirements for the introduction, consideration and adoption of ordinances.

Section 250. County Auditor.

The county auditor shall be appointed by a majority of the county council, shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, a current post audit of the financial operations of the county government, shall review and report to the county council concerning the effectiveness and efficiency of the programs and operations of the county and shall consult with the county executive concerning the accounting procedures to be used by the executive branch. Annual audits shall continue to be performed by the state in accordance with general law.

Section 260. Office of Citizen Complaints.

The county council shall establish by ordinance an office to receive complaints concerning the operation of county government and shall grant it sufficient power to permit it quickly and efficiently to investigate and to make and publicize recommendations concerning its findings, including the power to subpoena witnesses, documents and other evidence and to administer oaths. The subpoena power of the office of citizen complaints 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 county council and the members of boards and commissions except 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 councilman.

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 elective officers by this charter; shall supervise all administrative offices and executive departments established by this charter or created by the county council; 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 county council shall appoint a councilman or councilmen to serve on the board or commission with him; shall present to the county council an annual statement of the financial and governmental affairs of the county and any other report which he may deem necessary shall prepare and present to the county council 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 county council 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 county council 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; and shall sign, or cause to be signed, on behalf of the county all deeds, contracts and other instruments. The specific statement of particular executive powers shall not be construed as limiting the executive powers of the county executive.

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 except as otherwise provided in this charter.

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 and shall comply with the rules of the personnel system when appointing officers and employees to positions covered by the career service.

340.40. Confirmation.

The appointments by the county executive shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the county council. 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 a member of the career service may be removed at any time by the officer who appointed him, except that a member of the personnel board or the board of appeals may be removed only by a majority of the county council as provided in this charter.

Section 350. Administrative Offices and Executive Departments.

The executive branch shall be divided by the county council by ordinance into administrative offices and executive departments.

350.10. Administrative Offices.

The administrative offices shall consist of those agencies of the executive branch which provide administrative services for the various agencies of county government.

350.20. Executive Departments.

The executive departments shall consist of the department of assessments, the department of judicial administration and those agencies of the executive branch which are primarily engaged in the execution and enforcement of ordinances and statutes concerning the public peace, health and safety and which furnish or provide governmental services directly to or for the residents of the county.

350.20.10. 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 county council.

350.20.20. 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.

The department of judicial administration 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 by the county council.

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 county council a complete budget and budget message, 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 county council shall adopt appropriation, tax and revenue ordinances for the next fiscal year. If appropriation, tax and revenue ordinances have not been adopted within forty-five days after the county executive has presented the proposed ordinances, the proposed appropriation, tax and revenue ordinances presented by the county executive shall be deemed enacted on the forty-sixth day as if they had been adopted by the county council.

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 county executive information necessary to prepare the budget.

Section 430. Contents of Budget.

The budget 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; shall include the proposed capital improvement program for the next six fiscal years. The expenditures included in the budget for the ensuing fiscal year shall not exceed the estimated revenues.

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 councilman. 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 and shall be available for public inspection.

Section 460. Consideration and Adoption of Appropriation Ordinances.

Prior to the adoption of any appropriation ordinances for the next fiscal year, the county council 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 county council 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 county council shall not exceed the estimated revenues of the county for the next fiscal year for each fund including surpluses and reserves, but the county council may increase the amount

of the estimated revenues contained in the budget presented by the county executive by re-estimating the amount by motion passed by a minimum of six votes or by creating additional sources of revenue which were not included in the proposed tax and revenue ordinances presented by the county executive.

Section 470. Additional Appropriations.

470.10. Contingency Appropriations.

The appropriation ordinances shall include contingency funds which shall not be expended unless the county executive certifies in writing that sufficient funds are available and the county council adopts an additional appropriation ordinance after being requested to do so by the county executive.

470.20. Emergency Appropriations.

The county council may adopt an emergency appropriation ordinance after being requested to do so by the county executive which may appropriate contingency funds, revenues received in excess of the revenues estimated in the budget and funds from any other source available to the county in an emergency.

470.30. Additional Capital Budget Appropriations.

The county council shall not adopt an additional or amended capital budget appropriation ordinance during the fiscal year unless requested to do so by the county executive.

Section 475. Work Programs and Allotments.

Within thirty days after the adoption of the appropriation .

ordinances, each agency of county government except the county council 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 the county executive may allot, realLOT and withhold appropriations. At any time during the fiscal year, 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 county council 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 county planning agency.

Section 480. Lapses of Appropriations.

Unless otherwise provided by the appropriation ordinances, all unexpended and unencumbered appropriations in the current expense appropriation ordinances shall lapse at the end of the fiscal year. An appropriation in the capital budget appropriation ordinances 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 county council 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 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 county council 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 to the county 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. Administration.

The county executive shall administer the personnel system of the county in accordance with the personnel rules adopted by the county council by ordinance. The county administrative officer shall prepare and present proposed personnel rules to the county executive who shall present a proposed ordinance establishing the personnel rules to the county council 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 for just cause; 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 county council. One member of the personnel board shall be elected by secret ballot by the county employees who are members of the career service according to the procedure established by ordinance. A personnel board member shall serve a five year term and until his successor is appointed or elected, with one member being appointed each year. A majority of the county council, 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 county council. The county council 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 classification or reclassification of positions. The personnel board shall hold a public hearing to consider an appeal and shall issue such orders 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. Career Service Positions.

All county employees and officers shall be members of the career service except those in the following positions: all elected officers; the county auditor, the clerk and all other employees of the county council; the county administrative officer; the chief officer of each executive department and administrative office; the members of all boards and commissions; four administrative assistants for the county executive and one administrative assistant each for 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; a chief deputy for the county assessor; one confidential secretary each for the county executive, the chief officer of each executive department and administrative office, and for each administrative assistant specified herein; court commissioners, bailiffs, and personal secretaries serving in the office of the superior court judges; court commissioners, clerks and personnel secretaries serving in the 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; administrative interns; election precinct officials; all persons serving the county without compensation; physicians; surgeons; dentists; medical interns; and student nurses and inmates employed by county hospitals, tuberculosis sanitariums and health departments of the county.

Section 560. Political Activities.

The county administrative officer, the chief officer of each administrative office and executive department except the department of assessments, the officers and employees of each administrative office and executive department except the department of assessments who are not members of the career service and all members of the career service 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.

A member of the career service may be elected and serve as a precinct committeeman without violating the provisions of this section. A member of the career service may file for a compensated office, but he shall take and be granted a leave of absence until the date of the

election and until his term of office expires if he is elected.

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, at least twenty-one years of age, a citizen of the United States and a resident and registered voter of King County; and each county councilman shall be a resident of the district which he represents. Any change in the boundaries of a councilman's district which shall cause him 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 for the county assessor and with the election of 1973 for the county executive. The nominating primaries and elections shall be conducted in accordance with the general law governing the election of partisan county officers.

Section 630. Councilmen.

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 councilmen 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 county council by April 30, 1971, and at least every five years thereafter. If the size, shape and population of the districts comply with the requirements of this charter, the county council 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 county council does not adopt a districting ordinance during the first two months of any year in which it is required to do so by this charter, the county executive shall appoint within ten days a districting committee of at least five members subject to confirmation by a majority of the county council which shall provide for their

compensation. No more than a simply majority of the committee shall be affiliated with the same political party. The districting committee shall present a districting recommendation to the county council within twenty-one days after the committee has been appointed and confirmed.

630.30.40. Consideration by County Council.

The county council 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 thirty days after they are presented to the county council by the districting committee, they shall become effective on the thirty-first day after their presentation as if they had been enacted by ordinance.

630.30.50. Failure to Enact a Districting Ordinance

If the county council fails to enact a districting ordinance by April 30 of each year in which it is required to do so by this charter, the compensation of the councilmen shall be suspended from the first day of May of that year until a districting ordinance is enacted. Upon enactment of a redistricting ordinance, one half of the suspended compensation shall be paid without interest to the councilmen who would have received it but for the suspension; and the other one half of the suspended compensation shall be forfeited.

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.

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 county council; or failure to fulfill or continue to fulfill the qualifications for office; provided, however, that an elective county office shall not become vacant as the result of a criminal conviction or declaration of incompetency until the conviction or declaration has become final and is no longer subject to appeal.

660.10. Election or Appointment to Fill Vacancy.

A vacancy in an elective county office shall be filled at the next primary and general elections which occur in the county; provided that an election to fill the vacancy shall not be held if the successor to the vacated office will be elected at the next general election as provided in Sections 620 and 630. The term of office of an officer who has been elected to fill a vacancy shall only be for the unexpired portion of the term of the officer whose office has become vacant and shall commence as soon as he is elected and qualified.

A majority of the county council may temporarily fill a vacancy by appointment until the vacancy has been filled by election or the successor to the office has been elected and qualified.

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 county council. Each member of the board of appeals shall serve a four year term and until his successor is appointed. Two members shall be each year; except that every fourth year, only one member shall be appointed. A majority of the county council, 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 county council. The county council 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 executive branch and from any valuation by the department of assessments. The county council 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 state agency as provided by general law or appealed to a court of competent jurisdiction within the time limits established by ordinance or general law.

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 and shall provide for the selection of those of its members who shall serve with representatives of cities or other agencies of government on any joint board or commission established by general law which hears appeals which would otherwise be within the jurisdiction of the board of appeals established by this charter.

ARTICLE 8

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 800. Charter Review and Amendments.

At least every ten years after the adoption of this charter, the county executive shall review, or shall cause to be reviewed, the charter and shall present, or cause to be presented, to the county council a written report recommending those amendments, if any, which should be made to the charter.

The county council 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.

Section 815. Contracts and Competitive Bidding.

The construction of all public buildings and works shall be performed by independent contractors; except that county road projects having a value of less than fifteen thousand dollars may be performed by county employees. Whenever the county would have been required to do so by general law if it had not adopted this charter, it shall purchase all property and award all contracts by competitive bidding in accordance with the procedures established by ordinance.

Section 820. Conflict of Interest.

The county council shall adopt an ordinance prohibiting an officer or employee of the county when it might conflict with the performance of his official duties from directly or indirectly: receiving or having any financial interest in any sale to or by the county of any service or property; accepting or seeking for others any service or thing of value on more favorable terms than those granted to the public generally from any person, firm or corporation having dealings with the county; or accepting any gift from any person, firm or corporation having dealings with the county. The ordinance shall include civil and criminal penalties for the negligent or willful violation of this section by any county officer or employee or by any person, firm or corporation having dealings with 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, those which would invade a person's right of privacy and those which are specified as confidential by general law shall be open for public inspection; and the agency 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 sex, race, color, national origin, religious affiliation or age except by minimum age and retirement provisions; and the county shall not enter into any contract with any person, firm or corporation which discriminates on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religious affiliation or age except by minimum age and retirement provisions.

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 county council 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 county council.

Section 860. References to County Agencies and Officers in the Constitution or General Law.

Whenever the state constitution or a general law which has not been superseded by this charter or by the ordinances enacted hereunder refers to an agency or officer of county government, it shall be deemed to refer to the agency or officer designated by the county council 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 county council 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 county council 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 county council shall also provide for an annual supplement.

Section 890. Employee Representation.

The county council may enact an ordinance providing for col-

lective 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 the county executive as 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.

Section 895. Mandatory Inquests.

An inquest shall be held to investigate the causes and circumstances of any death involving a member of the law enforcement agency of the county.

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 councilmen 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 districts of the councilmen shall be as follows:

Section 915. Administrative Offices and Executive Departments.

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

915.10. Administrative Offices:

915.10.10. 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.

915.10.20. 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.

915.10.30. 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.

915.10.40. Office of Property and Purchasing.

The office of property and purchasing 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, shall negotiate the lease or sale of county property, shall contract for all services and public works which are not performed by county employees and shall purchase all real and personal property purchased by the county.

915.20. Executive Departments.

915.20.10. 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.

915.20.20. Department of Public Safety.

The department of public safety shall enforce law and order, shall administer the county jail and shall be responsible for civil

defense.

915.20.30. Department of Public Health.

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

915.20.40. 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; 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.

915.20.50. Department of Finance.

The department of finance shall collect all county revenue, shall make all disbursements approved by the office of budgets and accounts and shall be responsible for investing county funds.

915.20.60. 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 public open space and other related community services.

915.20.70. Department of Planning.

The department of planning shall prepare and present to the county executive and the county council comprehensive plan for adoption by ordinance with or without amendments; 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.

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 county council concerning all applications for rezoning or original zoning.

915.20.75. 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.

915.30. Modification of Administrative Offices and Executive Departments.

For a period of two years after the effective date of this

charter, the county council shall not abolish, combine or divide the administrative offices and the executive departments specified in this section and shall not transfer the specified powers and duties from one office or department to another; except that the county council may adopt an ordinance to combine the department of planning and the budget function of the office of budgets and accounts and to combine the departments of finance and the accounting function of the office of budgets and accounts.

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 assume a position as a county commissioner on the county council established by this charter and shall represent the councilman district established by this charter in which he resides on September 1, 1968, in which case a special election for the first councilman 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 assume the position 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 councilmen or assessor in the offices established by this charter, shall commence on May 1, 1969. The terms of office of the county assessor and councilmen 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 the county executive and councilmen representing odd numbered districts shall expire when their successors are elected at the general election in 1973 and have qualified.

Section 950. Compensation.

The councilmen 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 councilman. Thereafter all compensation shall be established by the county council by ordinance.

Section 960. The Personnel System.

960.10. Personnel Board Members.

The original members of the personnel board shall be appointed or elected and confirmed by June 1, 1969. The appointed members shall be appointed for the following terms: one for a five year term, one

for a four year term, one for a three year term and one for a two year term; and the member elected by the members of the career service shall be elected for one year. Thereafter, any new appointment or election, except to fill out an unexpired term, shall be for a five year term.

960.20. Effective Date.

The county executive shall present to the county council 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. Elective County Officers.

Every elected county officer except a county commissioner 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 including rules concerning compulsory retirement but excluding the rules concerning initial appointment.

960.40 County Employees.

A non-elective county officer or employee employed by the county on the effective date of the personnel system shall be entitled to be appointed to a similar position covered by the career service for which he is qualified subject to all of the personnel rules including those concerning compulsory retirement but excluding 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 a position covered by the career service similar to that in which he was employed on June 1, 1968. A non-elective county officer or 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.

960.50. 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 effective date of the personnel system, the county council may by ordinance provide that the sheriff's civil service commission be terminated and that its duties be assumed by the personnel system established by this charter. In such an event, the personnel rules

adopted by the county council shall not be applied so as to 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; and, if a personnel rule cannot be applied to the deputy sheriffs and other employees covered by the sheriff's civil service system, the county council may adopt special rules which will apply only to the deputy sheriffs and other employees covered by the sheriff's civil service system.

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: two for a four year term, two for a three year term, two 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. Transition.

Except as provided by this article, the terms of office of elective county officers subject to this charter holding office on April 30, 1969, 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 whose functions

have not been transferred by this charter to another agency of county government established by this charter shall continue to function for one hundred and twenty days after the effective date of this charter, at the end of which time they are hereby abolished unless re-established or continued 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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Dear Freeholder:

At the last meeting of the Freeholders, the staff was requested to prepare and present proposed language to be added to the draft which would permit independents to run for political office. Sections 620 and 630.20 of the proposed draft provide that all elections shall be held "in accordance with the general law governing the election of partisan county officers." General law provides that a major party must nominate its candidates by primary and that a minor party must nominate its candidates by convention. A political party is defined as a major party if one of its candidates received at least ten percent of the total number of votes cast in the county in the last county wide general election, and a minor party is every other party or political organization. The minor party conventions are held on the same date as the major party primaries, and its nominees must present a certificate of their nomination to the Secretary of State with the signatures of at least one hundred registered voters who did not vote in the primary. The nominees of the minor parties are then placed on the ballot with the winners of the major party primaries.

General law does not specifically permit an independent to run in either the primary or general elections, but the definition of minor political party is broad enough to permit anyone to run as the candidate of the John Doe Party or the Independent Party if he manages to hold a convention of one hundred of his friends who are willing to forego participation in the major party primaries.

Several references were made during the last two meetings to Oregon law. Oregon law provides for both major and minor political parties. The nominees of the major party are elected by primaries, and the minor party nominees are selected by conventions. In addition, Oregon law permits an "assembly of electors" of at least

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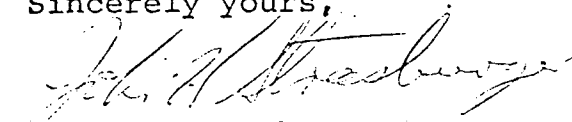
250 registered voters to nominate a candidate to run as an "independent," and an individual may also be nominated as an "independent" if he obtains the signatures of voters equal in number to at least five percent of those who voted for president in the county at the last presidential election. Those candidates who are nominated by a minor political party, by an assembly of electors or by "petition" are placed on the general election ballot but do not participate in the primary elections.

Enclosed are three proposed alternates, each of which would allow an independent to file for office. In each case, the last sentence of Section 620 and the last sentence of Section 630.20 would be deleted. Alternate A would not change present election law except that it would expressly allow a candidate to run as an "independent" rather than as a candidate of the Independent Party. A convention would have to be held by at least 100 registered voters on the date of the primary election, and none of the participants in that convention would be allowed to participate in the primary elections. The "independent" candidate would then be placed on the general election ballot along with the winners of the major party primaries and the nominees of other minor party conventions.

Alternate B is similar except that it would not be necessary to hold a convention since alternate B allows an independent candidate to be named by petition. In addition, it does not contain a provision prohibiting either the candidate or his supporters from voting in the primary convention. The independent candidate's name would be placed on the general election ballot along with the nominees of major and minor political parties. Alternate C, in effect, creates a third major political party by placing the names of all independent candidates on the primary ballots as independents. If all of the independent candidates for any particular office receive at least 10% of the votes cast in the primary, the independent candidate with the highest number of votes is placed on a general election ballot along with the winners of the major political party primaries and the nominees of the minor political party conventions.

There are, of course, many variations to these proposals; but I believe the three alternates provide the necessary substance for a detailed discussion between the Freeholders on this subject.

Sincerely yours,



John H. Strasburger

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Enclosures

P.S.: I have also enclosed a Table of Contents for the last draft which was recently mailed to you.

ALTERNATE A

Section 600. Election Procedures.

The nominating primaries and elections shall be conducted in accordance with the general law governing the election of partisan county officers; provided, however, that a convention conducted according to the provisions of general law governing minor political parties may nominate a candidate to be listed on the general election ballot as an "independent" if the convention is called for that expressed purpose and is not called as the convention of a named political party.

ALTERNATE B

Section 600. Election Procedures.

Except as otherwise provided in this section, the nominating primaries and elections shall be conducted in accordance with the general law governing the election of partisan county officers.

600.10. Independent Candidates.

On or before the date of the primary election, anyone qualified to assume office if elected may file a certificate of nomination as an "independent" signed [by _____ registered voters of the county if he is seeking election to the office of county executive or county assessor or _____ registered voters of his councilman district if he is seeking election to the office of councilman] [by registered voters of the county equal in number to not less than _____ percent of the votes cast at the last preceding election for the office which he is seeking].

Anyone who files a certificate of nomination as an independent shall not be a candidate for any political party in that primary or in the succeeding general election and shall pay the filing fee required for a declaration of candidacy for a major political party primary. The name of each independent candidate shall be placed on the general election ballot under the title "independent."

ALTERNATE C

Section 600. Election Procedures.

Except as provided in this section, the nominating primaries and elections shall be conducted in accordance with the general law governing the election of partisan county officers.

600.00. Independent Candidates.

On or before the last day for filing a declaration of candidacy as a candidate in a major political party primary, anyone qualified to assume office if elected may file a declaration of candidacy as an "independent" signed [by _____ registered voters of the county if he is seeking election to the office of county executive or county assessor or _____ registered voters of his councilman district if he is seeking election to the office of councilman] [by registered voters of the county equal in number to not less than _____ percent of the votes cast at the last preceding election for the office which he is seeking].

All candidates who file a declaration of candidacy as an independent shall be placed on the primary ballots under the title "independent"; and, if the total number of votes cast for independent candidates for an office is equal to at least 10% of the total number of votes cast for that office in the primary, then the candidate who receives a plurality of the votes cast for independent candidates for that office shall be the independent nominee for that office and shall be placed on the general election ballots under the title "independent."

Anyone who files a declaration of candidacy as an independent shall not be a candidate for any political party in that primary or in the succeeding general election and shall pay the filing fee required for a declaration of candidacy for a major political party primary.

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO DRAFT CHARTER

The proposed additions to the language of the draft have been indicated by underlining the words to be added. The proposed deletions have been indicated by placing parenthesis around the words to be stricken and by placing dash marks through them. In addition to the proposed changes indicated on the attached pages, the staff has made numerous editorial changes to correct mistakes or eliminate ambiguities. These changes will be detailed and explained at the beginning of the meeting or as each section is discussed.

1. We, the people of King County, Washington, in order to form a more just and orderly government, establish separate legislative and executive branches, insure responsibility and accountability, enable effective citizen participation, preserve a healthy environment, (~~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.

~~2. 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.~~)

~~3. 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. (~~Regional~~) Branch county offices may be established by ordinance.

~~4. Section 220. (The-County-Council.) The Board of County Commissioners.~~

[If this change is approved, all other references to council and councilmen will also be changed]

220.10. Composition and Terms of Office.

The county council shall consist of ~~(nine)~~ sixteen members.

The county shall be divided into ~~(nine)~~ sixteen districts, and one councilman shall be nominated and elected by the voters of each district. The term of office of each councilman shall be four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. [If this change is approved, the election provisions and the sections relating to the number of votes required to enact ordinances will also be changed]

6. 220.30. Organization.

The county council ~~(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 whom it deems necessary to assist it or individual councilmen in the exercise of their legislative powers and shall appoint a clerk to maintain its records.

7. 220.50. Relationship With Other Branches.

Except by enacting ordinances, The county council and the individual councilmen shall not interfere in the administration, and shall not issue orders to any officer, agent or employee, of any other branch of the county government.

8. 230.30. Emergency Ordinances.

Any proposed ordinance may be enacted as an emergency ordinance if the county council finds as a fact, and states in the ordinance, that an emergency exists and that the ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, health or safety or for the support of county government and its existing public institutions. A minimum of seven affirmative votes shall be required to enact an emergency

ordinance; provided, however, that an emergency ordinance shall not be enacted if two votes are cast against it. (and) Unless it is an emergency appropriation ordinance, an emergency ordinance (it) shall not be subject to the veto power of the county executive.

9. 230.40. Referendum.

Except as provided herein, an enacted ordinance may be subjected to a referendum by the voters of the county by filing with the county council prior to the effective date of the ordinance petitions bearing signatures of registered voters of the county equal in number to not less than (eight) five 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 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.

An appropriation 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; an ordinance proposing amendments to this charter; an ordinance providing for collective bargaining; an ordinance approving a collective bargaining agreement; an ordinance providing for the compensation and working conditions of county employees; or for a period of three years after its approval an ordinance which has been approved by the voters by referendum or initiative shall not be subject to a referendum.

10. Section 250. County Auditor.

The county auditor 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 auditor (~~appointed-by a-majority-of-the-county-council~~), shall conduct, or cause to be conducted a current post audit of the financial operations of the county government, shall review and report to the county council concerning the effectiveness and efficiency of the programs and operations of the county and shall consult with the county executive concerning the accounting procedures to be used by the executive branch. Annual audits shall continue to be performed by the state in accordance with general law. [This change if adopted would also require changes in the election and grandfather provisions.]

11. Section 260. Office of Citizen Complaints.

The county auditor (~~council~~) shall establish (~~by-ordinance~~) an office to receive complaints concerning the operation of county government and shall grant it sufficient power to permit it quickly and efficiently to investigate and to make and publicize recommendations concerning its findings, including the power to subpoena witnesses, documents and other evidence and to administer oaths. The subpoena power of the office of citizen complaints 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. Any decision or report may be reviewed by a court of competent jurisdiction.

2. 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 elective officers by this charter; shall supervise all administrative offices and executive departments established by this charter or created by the county council; 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 county council shall appoint a councilman or councilmen to serve on the board or commission with him; shall present to the county council an annual statement of the financial and governmental affairs of the county and any other report which he may deem necessary shall prepare and present to the county council 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 county council (~~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 county council 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; and shall sign, or cause to be signed, on behalf of the county all deeds, contracts and other instruments. The specific statement of particular executive

powers shall not be construed as limiting the executive powers of the county executive.

13. 340.40. Confirmation.

The appointments by the county executive shall be subject to confirmation by a majority of the county council. The appointments by the county administrative officer shall be subject to approval by the county executive., but an appointment by the county administrative officer may be rescinded by a minimum of eight affirmative votes by the county council within thirty days after the appointment is confirmed by the county executive.

14. Strike all of Subsection 340.50.

15. 350.20.30 Department of the Sheriff.

The department of the sheriff shall be administered by the sheriff 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 department of the sheriff shall include the uniformed law enforcement officers of the county and shall be responsible for enforcing law and order in the county. The department of the sheriff shall be an executive department subject to the sheriff's civil service system or the personnel system established by this charter. The department of the sheriff may be combined with other administrative offices and executive departments, but the sheriff shall continue to be the chief administrator of the uniformed law enforcement officers of the county.

[This change if approved will require additional changes in the election and grandfather sections of the charter and in sections 310, 350.20, 550 and 915.20.]

16. Section 410. Presentation and Adoption of Budgets.

At least ~~(seventy-five)~~ thirty days prior to the end of each fiscal year, the county executive shall present to the county council a complete budget and budget message, 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)~~ ten days prior to the end of the fiscal year, the county council shall adopt appropriation, tax and revenue ordinances for the next fiscal year. ~~(If appropriation, tax and revenue ordinances have not been adopted within (forty-five) twenty days after the county executive has presented the proposed ordinances, the proposed appropriation tax and revenue ordinances presented by the county executive shall be deemed enacted on the (forty-sixth) twenty-first day as if they had been adopted by the county council.)~~

17. Section 420. Budget Information.

At least ~~(one-hundred-and-thirty-five)~~ ninety days prior to the end of the fiscal year, all agencies of county government shall submit to the county executive information necessary to prepare the budget.

18. 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.)~~

19. 470.10. Contingency Appropriations.

The appropriation ordinances shall include contingency funds

which shall not be expended unless the county executive certifies in writing that sufficient funds are available and the county council adopts an additional appropriation ordinance. ~~(after-being-requested-to-do-so-by-the-county-executive-)~~

20. 470.20. Emergency Appropriations.

The county council may adopt an emergency appropriation ordinance ~~(after-being-requested-to-do-so-by-the-county-executive)~~ which may appropriate contingency funds, revenues received in excess of the revenues estimated in the budget and funds from any other source available to the county in an emergency.

21. ~~Strike all of Subsection 470.30.~~

Section 475. Work Programs and Allotments.

Within ~~(thirty)~~ ten days after the adoption of the appropriation ordinances, each agency of county government except the county council 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 the county executive may allot~~(7-reallot)~~ and withhold appropriations. At any time during the fiscal year, 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 county council ~~(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 county planning agency.

23. Section 490. Interfund Borrowing and Reimbursement.

One agency of county government or fund (may) shall reimburse another agency or fund for services rendered, and the county council (~~when-requested-to-do-so-by-the-county-executive~~) may adopt an ordinance to provide for temporary interfund borrowing. to be repaid with interest.

24. Section 496. Illegal Contracts.

Except as otherwise provided by ordinance, any contract in excess of an appropriation 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 county council (~~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 to the county for more than one year unless it is included in a capital budget appropriation ordinance.

25. Section 550. Career Service Positions.

All county employees and officers shall be members of the career service except those in the following positions: all elected officers; the county auditor, the clerk and all other employees of the county council; the county administrative officer; the chief officer of each executive department and administrative office; the members of all boards and commissions; (~~four-administrative-assistants-for-the-county~~ executive) (and) 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; a chief deputy for the county assessor; one confidential secretary each for the county executive, the chief officer of each executive department and administrative office, and for each administrative assistant specified herein; court commissioners, bailiffs, and personal secretaries serving in the office of the superior court judges; court commissioners, clerks and personal secretaries serving in the 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; administrative interns; election precinct officials; all persons serving the county without compensation; physicians; surgeons; dentists; medical interns; and student nurses and inmates employed by county hospitals, tuberculosis sanitariums and health departments of the county.

26. 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. ~~(for the county assessor and with the election of 1973 for the county executive.)~~ The nominating primaries and elections shall be conducted in accordance with the general law governing the election of partisan county officers.)

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27. 630.30.30. Districting Committee.

If the county council does not adopt a districting ordinance during the first two months of any year in which it is required to do so by this charter, the county executive shall appoint within ten days a districting committee of at least five members subject to confirmation by a majority of the county council which shall provide for their compensation. No more than a simple majority of the committee shall be affiliated with the same political party as attested to by the county chairman of each major political party in the county. The districting committee shall present a districting recommendation to the county council within twenty-one days after the committee has been appointed and confirmed.

28. 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.

29. Section 840. Anti-discrimination.

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

30. Section 860. References to County Agencies and Officers in the Constitution or General Law.

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

31. 915.10.30. 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) central services for all branches of county government. and shall furnish lists of registered voters by precinct at cost to any resident of the county.

32. 915.20.20. Department of Public Safety.

The department of public safety shall enforce law and order, shall administer the county jail, (and) shall be responsible for civil defense. and shall investigate deaths.

33. 915.20.30. Department of Public Health.

The department of public health shall administer all health programs under the control of the county including all medical services necessary to assist the department of public safety and shall investigate deaths. perform all autopsies requested by the department of public safety or deemed necessary by the department of public health.

34. 915.20.40. 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; 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. and shall assist the office of data processing in providing precinct voter lists at cost.

35. 915.20.60. Department of Parks.

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

36. 915.20.70. Department of Planning.

The department of planning shall prepare and present to (the ~~county-executive-and~~) the county council a comprehensive plans for adoption by ordinance with or without amendments; shall advise all agencies of the county on planning (~~and-related-matters~~); shall coordinate planning (~~and-related-activities~~) of the county with other government agencies (~~with-state,-regional,-municipal-and-other county-planning-agencies~~); shall maintain a current file of plans, land use regulations, (~~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-~~)

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 county council concerning all applications for rezoning or original zoning, and the county council shall not adopt a zoning rezoning ordinance unless it conforms to the comprehensive plans adopted by the county council by ordinance.

37. 915.30. Modification of Administrative Offices and Executive Departments.

For a period of two years after the effective date of this

charter, the county council shall not abolish, combine or divide the administrative offices and the executive departments specified in this section and shall not transfer the specified powers and duties from one office or department to another (~~except that the county council may adopt an ordinance to combine the department of planning and the budget function of the office of budgets and accounts and to combine the departments of finance and the accounting function of the office of budgets and accounts.~~)

38. Section 950. Compensation.

The councilmen 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 compensation at the rate of \$9,600 per annum (two thirds of the compensation specified by general law for county commissioners). (and) The county assessor who takes office, or continues in office, on the effective date of this charter shall receive during (their) his 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 councilman. Thereafter all compensation shall be established by the county council by ordinance.

39. 350.20.10. Department of Assessments.

The department of assessments shall be administered by the county assessor who shall have the qualifications specified by general law for county assessors for counties which have not adopted home-rule

charters and who shall be elected by the voters of the county. (and)
(his)The term of office of the county assessor 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 county council.

PROPOSED NEW ARTICLE

PLANNING COMMISSION

Composition, Appointment, Removal

The Planning Commission shall be appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council and shall be composed of nine members, one from each commissioner district. Two planning commission members shall be appointed for one year; two, for two years; two, for three years; and three, for four years. Thereafter, the successors to the first member shall be appointed for four year terms. A majority of the County Council, but not the County Executive, may remove a Planning Commission member for just cause after written charges have been served on the Planning Commission member and a public hearing has been held by the County Council. The County Council shall provide for the compensation of the Planning Commission members on a per diem basis.

Powers

The Planning Commission shall assist the department of planning in preparation of the comprehensive plan, and shall likewise assist the department of planning in the implementation of the comprehensive plan by making recommendations regarding regulations, programs and legislation and amendments thereto as provided by the appropriate ordinance.

915.20.70 Department of Planning

The department of planning shall prepare and present to the county executive and the county council the comprehensive plan and any subsequent amendments thereto for adoption by ordinance; 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 prepare for adoption by the county council by ordinance such regulations, programs and legislation as is necessary for the implementation of the comprehensive plan together with provisions for amendments thereto and administration thereof; 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.

APPENDIX A : TYPES OF DATA PUBLISHED BY CENSUS TRACTS*

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APPENDIX B : ESTIMATE OF 1968 POPULATION BY CENSUS TRACT:

*Source: King County Planning Department, 1968
Seattle Planning Commission, 1968

TABLE 2: CENSUS TRACTS INCLUDED ~~IN THE~~ IN NINE
COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICTS AND THEIR POPULATION

DISTRICT 1		DISTRICT 2		DISTRICT 3					
T17	4100	KC 83	4300	BV 1	9200	A1	7100	T7	6700
T18	6100	KC 84	800	BY 2	2800	A2	6600	T8	4700
T19	8500	KC 85	4600	BV 3	4300	A3	6300	T9	2600
T20	3900	KC 86	6300	KC 11	12600	A4	7800	T10	5200
T21	2900	KC 87	2800	KC 63	8300	A5	5100	T11	3400
T22	7900	TOTAL 131600		KC 64	5100	B1	4800	TOTAL 129500	
T23	4200			KC 65	13400	B2	4800		
KC 70	6800			KC 68	5600	B3	4300		
KC 71	5700			KC 69	6900	B4	3900		
KC 72	3100			KC 110	9000	B5	4900		
KC 73	7100			KC 111	36000	B6	5600		
KC 74	3100			KC 112	13600	C1	5100		
KC 75	2200			KI. 1	3300	C2	5100		
KC 76	9600			TOTAL 135600		C3	3600		
KC 77	10800					FIA	400		
KC 78	3100					FIB	7200		
KC 79	5300					FIC	7500		
KC 80	8000					F2	8600		
KC 81	6400					T5	3900		
KC 82	3600					T6	3500		

TABLE 2 (continued)

DISTRICT 4				DISTRICT 5				DISTRICT 6		TOTAL 131800
C4	2700	I2	6000	G1	7500	M3	3500	N1	5200	✓
D1	4700	I3	4400	G2	5200	M4	2900	N2	7300	
D2	5300	T1	300	G3	4500	M5	4400	N3	12400	
D3	5400	T2	5800	G4	3500	O1	2200	N4	6300	
D4	8300	T3	4100	G5	4600	O2	3100	O4A	4800	
D5	9300	T4	3500	G6	6400	P1	2700	O4B	2900	
D6	11000	T12	4000	J1	4600	P2	5600	R1B	3600	
D7	1800	T13	2400	J2	6500	Q1	6200	S1A	7800	
D8	3300	T14	1800	J3	4700	Q2	6800	S1B	6100	
D9	1400	T15	2800	K1	6100	TOTAL 130900		S2	11300	
D10	2300	T16	2200	K2	3700			S3	12900	
D11	3600	TOTAL 130800		K3	4400			U1	3400	
D12	1900			K4	5100			U2	4300	
E1	3100			K5	4500			KC35	4300	
E2	4500			L1	2000			KC45	8000	
E3	3700			L2	2000			KC46	4400	
E4	4300			L3	1600			KC47	5900	
H1	5000			L4	7700			KC53	8900	
H2	4900			L5	2100			KC54	6400	
H3	2400			M1	3600			KC57	2200	
I-1	4700			M2	3200			KC59	3400	

TABLE 2 (CONTINUED)

DISTRICT		7/6	DISTRICT 8		DISTRICT 9	
D3	1600	<u>TOTAL 3500</u>	KC 21	15800	AU1	18400
P3	8000	<u>TOTAL 130900</u>	KC 23	6300	EN1	3900
Q3	6300		KC 24	21600	KC 1	700
R1A	3000		KC 31	11300	KC 2	2200
R2	7600		KC 32	8500	KC 3	1900
R3A	5900		KC 33	6800	KC 4	12600
R3B	5500		KC 37	17300	KC 6	10100
R4A	6100		KC 38	3100	KC 7	1900
R4B	7700		KC 42	2500	KC 8	800
R5A	3500		KC 43	2900	KC 9	400
R5B	14800		KC 44	4400	KC 10	5400
KC12	17800		KC 48	5700	KC 13	8600
KC60	3000		KC 49	8600	KC 14	5400
KC61	6200		KC 50	3200	KC 15	6500
KC62	8600		KC 51	3400	KC 16	7000
RE1	9000		KC 52	3400	KC 18	7700
RE2	2900		KC 59	6300	KC 19	4700
RE3	2500		<u>NO 109 4100</u>		KC 20	3900
RE4	3600		<u>TOTAL 135,700</u>		KC 25	5300
RE5	3800				KC 26	3500

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

DISTRICT 1			DISTRICT 2			DISTRICT 3		
A1	7100	T10 5200	D1	4700	T13 2400	BV1	9200	KI1 8300
A2	6600	T11 3400	D2	5300	T14 1800	BV2	2800	TOTAL 171600
A3	6300	T12 4000	D3	5400	T15 2800	BV3	4800	
A4	7800	T18 6100	D4	8300	T16 2200	KC1	700	
A5	5100	T19 8500	D5	9300	T17 4100	KC2	2200	
B1	4800	T20 3900	D6	11000	T22 7800	KC3	1900	
B2	4300	T21 2900	D7	1800	T23 4200	KC4	12600	
B3	4300	KC77 10300	D8	3300	KC70 6800	KC6	10100	
B4	3900	KC78 3100	D9	1400	KC71 5700	KC7	1900	
B5	4800	KC79 5300	D10	2300	KC72 3100	KC8	800	
B6	5600	KC80 8000	D11	3600	KC73 7100	KC9	400	
C1	5800	KC86 6300	D12	1900	KC74 3100	KC10	5400	
C2	5100	KC87 2800	E1	3100	KC75 2200	KC11	12600	
C3	3600	TOTAL 170200	E2	4500	KC76 9600	KC63	8300	
C4	2700		E3	3700	KC81 6400	KC64	5100	
T5	3900		E4	4300	KC82 3600	KC65	13400	
T6	3500		T1	300	KC83 4800	KC68	5600	
T7	6700		T2	5800	KC84 800	KC69	6900	
T8	4700		T3	4100	KC85 4600	KC110	9000	
T9	2600		T4	3500	TOTAL 170700	KC111	36000	
						KC112	13600	

TABLE 4 (CONTINUED)

DISTRICT 4(3)				DISTRICT 5				DISTRICT 6(7)			
F1A	400	K3	4400	N1	5200	S2	11300	KC21	15800	KC59	6800
F1B	7200	K4	5100	N2	7300	S3	12900	KC23	6300	NP109	4100
F1C	7500	K5	4500	N3	12400	U1	3400	KC24	21600	<u>TOTAL 170400</u>	
F2	8600	L1	2000	N4	6300	U2	4300	KC31	11300		
G1	7500	L2	2000	O3	1600	<u>TOTAL 170700</u>		KC32	8500		
G2	5200	L3	1600	O4A	4600			KC33	6800		
G3	4500	L4	7100	O4B	2900			KC35	4300		
G4	3500	L5	2100	P2	5600			KC37	17300		
G5	4600	M1	3600	P3	8000			KC43	2900		
6	6400	M2	3200	Q2	6800			KC44	4400		
H1	5000	M3	3500	Q3	6300			KC45	8000		
H2	4800	M4	2900	RIA	3000			KC46	4400		
H3	2400	M5	4400	R1B	3600			KC47	5900		
I1	4700	O1	2200	R2	7600			KC48	5700		
I2	6000	O2	3100	R3A	5900			KC49	8600		
I3	4400	P1	2700	R3B	5500			KC51	3400		
J1	4600	Q1	6200	R4A	6100			KC52	3400		
J2	6500	<u>TOTAL 169500</u>		R4B	7700			KC53	3900		
J3	4700			REA	3500			KC54	6400		
K1	6100			R5B	14800			KC57	2200		
L	3700			S1A	7800			KC58	3400		
				S1B	6100						

TABLE 4 (CONTINUED)

DISTRICT 7(6)			
AV 1	18400	KE 1	14900
EN 1	3900	RE 1	9600
KC 12	17800	RC 2	2900
KC 13	8600	RE 3	2500
KC 14	6400	RL 4	3600
KC 15	6500	RL 5	3800
KC 16	7000	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>3500</u>
KC 18	7700	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>170400</u>
KC 19	4700		
KC 20	3900		
KC 25	5300		
KC 26	3500		
KC 27	3400		
KC 28	4400		
KC 29	2900		
KC 30	200		
KC 38	3100		
KC 42	2500		
KC 50	3200		
KC 60	3000		
C 61	6200		
KC 62	8600		

TABLE 3: SEVEN COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICTS POPULATION

DISTRICT NO.	POPULATION	PERCENT OF TOTAL
1	170,200	14.26 %
2	170,700	14.30 -
3	171,600	14.38
4	169,500	14.22 -
5	170,700	14.30
6	170,400	14.28
7	170,400	14.28
TOTAL	1,193,500	100.00

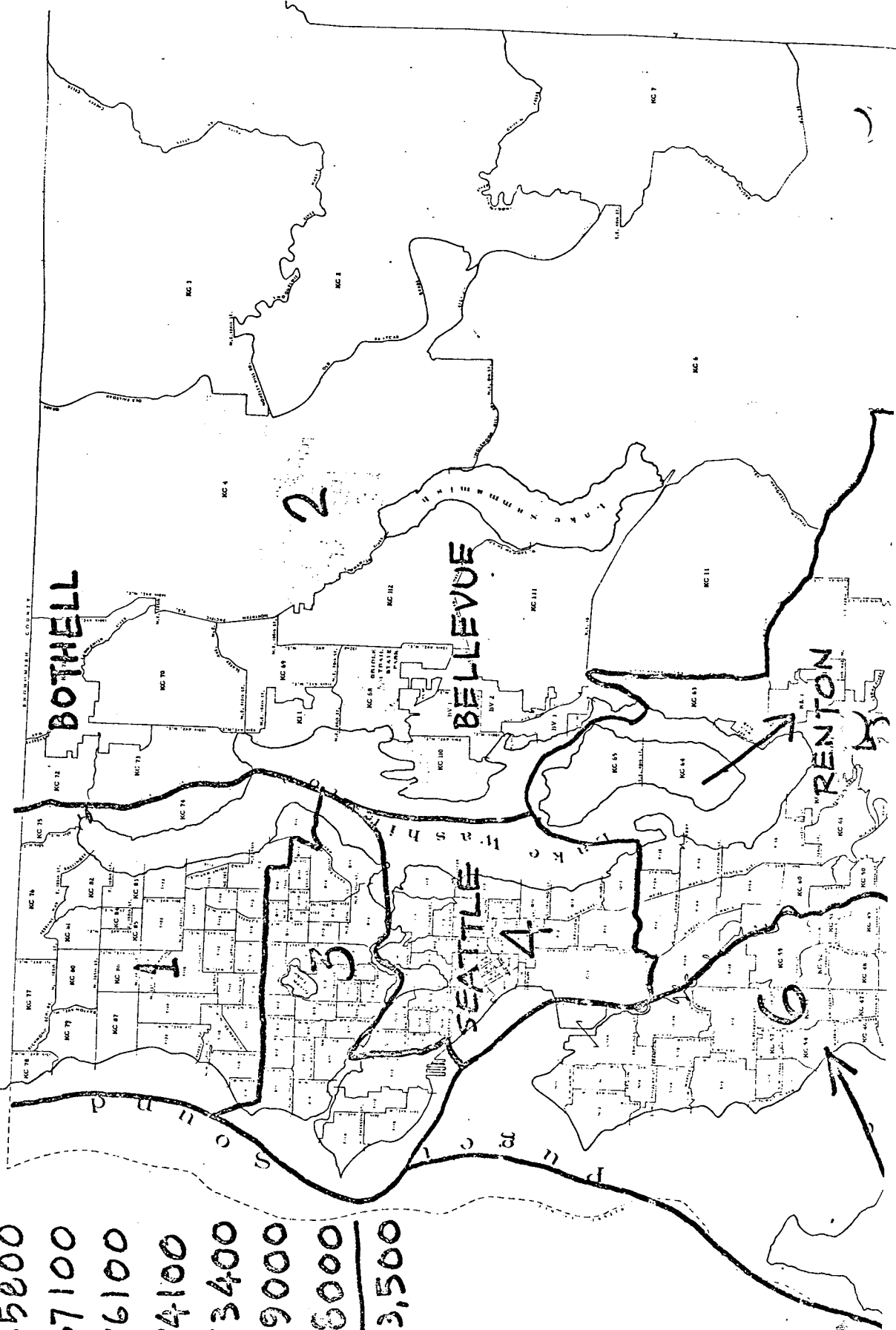
TABLE 1: NINE COMMISSIONER'S DISTRICTS-POPULATION

DISTRICT NO.	POPULATION	PERCENT OF TOTAL
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	131,800	11.02
7	130,900	10.97
8	135,700	11.37
9	136,700	11.45
TOTAL	1,193,500	100.00

SEATTLE CITY COUNCILMEN DISTRICTS

BT APPROVED - 8-29-60
ACCEPTABLE RANGE OF POPULATION: 166,240 TO 174,760 ($2\frac{1}{2}\%$ Around the Mean
the Mean)

1 = 165,000
2 = 167,100
3 = 176,100
4 = 174,100
5 = 173,400
6 = 169,000
7 = 168,000
1,193,500



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MEMORANDUM

August 30, 1968

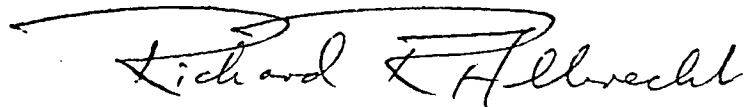
TO: All Freeholders

FROM: Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman

Please take notice that the next meeting of the Board of King County Freeholders will be for the purpose of final adoption of the Charter and will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 6, 1968 in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse.

As this is the final scheduled meeting, and our by-laws require eight affirmative votes for adoption of the Charter, I once again urge you all to make every possible effort to attend. We will invite the press, radio and TV to attend; and they may wish to have the Freeholders available after the meeting for interviews.

The Charter, as amended yesterday, will be distributed to each of you as soon as it has been re-typed and proofread. We will also have prepared a resolution certifying adoption of the Charter with a place for each Freeholder's signature. I propose to make this resolution available for signature also by any of you whose other commitments will prevent your attending the final meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard R. Albrecht". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the main body of the memorandum.

M E M O R A N D U M

September 5, 1968

TO: ALL FREEHOLDERS

FROM: RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, CHAIRMAN

Enclosed for each of you are copies of the following:

1. A copy of the proposed minutes of the August 29, 1968 meeting.
2. A copy of the Charter as adopted at the August 29th meeting.
3. A proposed form of resolution with a place for signature for each of the Freeholders.
4. A copy of my letter to the Board of King County Commissioners, which is largely self-explanatory.
5. A copy of a resolution that has been proposed for adoption at tomorrow's meeting.

The Following Agenda is proposed for tomorrow's meeting:

1. Approval of all previous minutes as distributed.
2. Final adoption of the Charter.
3. Request for authorization for the Chairman to seek budget revisions.
4. Distribution of Freeholder records and material.
5. Other resolutions.
6. Announcements.
7. Adjournment.

The enclosed resolution, expressing appreciation to all organizations and individuals who have assisted in our work has been proposed for adoption at Friday's meeting. If you wish to propose additions or amendments to it, please let the staff know in advance of the meeting. We would appreciate also your advising the staff of any additional resolutions you intend to propose.

As indicated in my letter to the commissioners, we have scheduled a meeting with the Board of County Commissioners for 10:30 a.m., Monday, September 9th, for the purpose of presenting the Charter to them.

A press conference will be called, and I urge all of the Freeholders who are able to attend to plan to be present.

M I N U T E S

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

FINAL ADOPTION OF CHARTER

September 6, 1968

I. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Albrecht at 9:15 a.m. in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse. Present were all Freeholders except Mr. Curran and Mr. Friedlander.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS.

Minutes of previous meetings were reviewed and adopted as corrected.

III. ADOPTION OF HOME RULE CHARTER.

The Chairman called for any corrections to be made in the Charter as distributed. A correction was made to the spelling of the word "population", in Section 650.30.20, Page 25. There was a suggestion by Mr. O'Connor to change the words "election precinct official" to "precinct election official" as in Section 550, Page 22.

MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that the Charter be adopted in its entirety as provided by the By-Laws, and that it be submitted to the Board of King County Commissioners for appropriate action, placing it on the November 5, 1968, ballot.

VOTE: Via roll call count -	Ackley	- Aye	Geoffroy	- Aye
	Albrecht	- Aye	Gunby	- Aye
	Block	- Aye	McDonald	- Aye
	Bothell	- Aye	McKenna	- Aye
	Curran	- Absent	North	- Aye
	Eberle	- Aye	O'Connor	- Aye
	Friedlander	- Absent	Schneider	- Aye
			Wampold	- Aye

FOR, 13 Absent, 2.

MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that the Board of Freeholders allow the absent members to sign the resolution adopting the Charter at a later date. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman called attention his memorandum to the Freeholders regarding the importance of informing the voters of King County of the contents of the Charter. He stated that the King County

Commissioners had indicated to the Freeholders that they might finance the final printing of the Charter from funds remaining in the Freeholders' budget.

MOTION: MOVED and SECONDED that the Chairman be authorized to request such budget revisions as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose of widespread dissemination to the voters of King County between now and November 5, 1968. APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. OTHER BUSINESS.

The Chairman stated that a suggestion had been made to preserve all of the records and research materials in the Freeholders' office for possible future use by groups or individuals interested in their work; and that copies be made of minutes and documents pertinent to the Freeholders' activities and distributed among libraries such as the Washington State Library, the University of Washington Bureau of Governmental Research Library and the Seattle Municipal Government Library. A motion to this effect was made and unanimously approved.

The Chairman then called attention to the resolution which had been distributed to the Board thanking all who had helped the Freeholders in their work, and asked that it be approved. After general consent to the addition of language thanking the officials of King County junior taxing districts and the various towns and cities of the County, a motion was made and unanimously approved to adopt this resolution.

Mr. Wampold then made a motion to thank Chairman Richard Albrecht for his contribution to the work of the Freeholders via a resolution which he had drafted (copy attached), and this motion was approved unanimously.

The Chairman thanked all present for the commendation, and stated that he wished to inform the Board that their work was far from over---and, in fact, was just beginning---as there was still much work to be done by them in informing the public as to the contents of the Charter. He urged the Board to cooperate with any citizen's groups which might be formed to publicize and recommend the Charter to the citizens of King County. The Chairman stated that he had asked Freeholder Paul Friedlander to form a committee to publicize the Charter, that Mr. Friedlander had agreed; but that all of the Board members were still to feel responsible for advertising the Charter to the public.

VI. NOTICE OF MEETING WITH KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR CERTIFICATION OF CHARTER:

The Chairman urged that all members of the Board be present at the meeting for certification of the Charter by the Board of King County Commissioners, scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Monday, September 9, 1968, in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse.

Chairman Richard Albrecht also announced that even though the Charter had been proposed and prepared, the County Commissioners had indicated

to supply the office space and the continuation of the office staff for the Freeholders through the November 5, 1968, general election in order to co-ordinate publicity and answer inquiries regarding the Charter.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Gunby
Virginia Gunby, Secretary

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RESOLUTION

We, the duly elected members of the Board of King County Freeholders, having been elected on November 7, 1967, pursuant to Article 11, Section 4, of the Constitution of the State of Washington, as amended, and having been empowered to prepare and propose a "Home Rule" charter for the government of the county have prepared and do hereby propose the foregoing King County Charter for adoption by the voters of King County. We request the Board of King County Commissioners to take whatever action may be necessary to place the following question before the voters of the county at the general election to be held on November 5, 1968:

Proposition No. _____

Shall the proposed Home Rule Charter for King County providing for the separation of legislative and executive powers and for improved administration be adopted?

For Home Rule Charter

Against Home Rule Charter

We, the undersigned Freeholders of King County, do hereby approve the above resolution:

<u>Walter B. Baker</u>	<u>Lytle R. Schneider</u>
<u>Richard P. Helbrecht</u>	<u>Orville N. McDonald</u>
<u>Robert J. G. Jones</u>	<u>Frederick P. McKenna</u>
<u>Norman E. Bather</u>	<u>Lois H. North</u>
<u>Sam Green</u>	<u>James H. O'Connor</u>
<u>Robert T. Edwards</u>	<u>Virginia H. Gundry</u>
<u>Willard H. H. H. H.</u>	<u>Simon. Wampolt</u>
<u>Jack M. G. G. G.</u>	

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Board of King County Freeholders was elected to prepare and propose a home rule charter for King County,

WHEREAS, the Board of King County Commissioners provided funds and space to assist us in the performance of our responsibility,

WHEREAS, all elected officials, department heads and employees of the County provided information, assistance, suggestions and unfailing cooperation,

WHEREAS, interested citizens and organizations in the County shared with us their views and encouraged us to heed their wishes,

WHEREAS, the representatives of the press, radio and television have attended faithfully and reported accurately on our deliberations, keeping the citizens of the County advised of our progress,

WHEREAS, our executive secretary, legal counsel and office staff have performed diligently, capably and untiringly to provide us assistance in the completion of our task,

WHEREAS, with the help of all these people and the support of the citizens of King County we have prepared and proposed a home rule charter for King County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of King County Freeholders hereby expresses the appreciation of its members for the contributions made to our work by the Board of

King County Commissioners, the County Auditor, the County Assessor, the County Clerk, the County Coroner, the County Prosecuting Attorney, the Superintendent of Intermediate School District IX, the County Sheriff, the County Treasurer, the Superior Court Judges, the heads of all County departments and their staffs, all County employees and their representatives, those interested citizens and organizations who shared their views with us, the representatives of the press, radio and television, and especially by the Freeholder staff.

RESOLVED, further, that the Chairman is directed to advise all of the foregoing of the adoption of this resolution and to urge them to join the Freeholders in proposing to the voters of the County that the home rule charter we have prepared be adopted.

R E S O L U T I O N

(As drafted by Mr. Simon Wampold)

"What has struck me has been the unanimity of our action here today, by a Board composed of all shades of thought and political philosophy, on a compromise document in the best traditions of our democracy.

'In passing resolutions commending those who have helped the Board in their work, it occurs to me that we have left out one of the persons who has made one of the chief contributions to the success of this Charter.

'I wish to offer a resolution commending our Chairman, Dick Albrecht, for his fairness, his ability and outstanding leadership which has typified his chairmanship---the fact that was most important in the success which crowns our efforts here today."

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

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

November 26, 1968

BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Gentlemen:

In accordance with motion made and adopted by the Board of King County Freeholders September 6, 1968, preparation has been made for the disposition of the minutes of meetings and pertinent documents of the Freeholders. In this regard, contact has been made and verbal agreement has been made with the County Clerk to microfilm the Freeholder records. Mr. Stoen of the Clerk's office has indicated that a resolution passed by the Board of County Commissioners would allow the Clerk's office to provide this service at approximately \$5.00 per reel.

The original copies of the minutes and supplementary resource materials will be stored in the County Administrator's office on the fourth floor of the King County Courthouse. In addition, the Freeholder minutes and a copy of the proposed 1962 King County Charter are included.

Mrs. Grigsby is now in the process of putting Freeholder documents in proper sequence for micro-filming, it is expected that this process will take approximately two weeks to complete.

A recent check of the balance remaining in the budget indicates that there is sufficient money to make needed copies for distribution among the libraries designated by the Board of Freeholders in their minutes of September 6, 1968---these being the Washington State Library, the Bureau of Governmental Research of the University of Washington and the Seattle Municipal Government Library.

In addition to the written documentation, which is being micro-filmed on magnetic tapes, we are preparing all of the deliberations and various other meetings held by the Freeholders. Because of the gradual deterioration of the tapes, a verbal agreement has been reached with Mr. Wayne Smith of Systems Services to store such tapes in their controlled atmosphere. Appropriate notations will be made in the microfilm index noting that such tapes are on file. In view of the fact that some of the libraries designated for copies may not have microfilm facilities, it is recommended that Xerox copies be made available for their use.

Very sincerely,
BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Virginia Gunby
Virginia Gunby, Secretary

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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

September 22, 1968

To: All Freeholders

From: Dick Albrecht

Following is a brief progress report on matters of general interest.

1. Printing of Charter and Fact Sheet. A budget revision has been approved increasing the total available for printing and publication to \$5,000. Latest plans call for publication of the charter as a tabloid supplement to one of the major daily papers in connection with the requirement for publication set forth in the 21st amendment. Approximately 30,000 additional copies of the charter tabloid would be made available for distribution without cost to our budget. We would expect then to print only about 5,000 copies of the charter in booklet form. We hope also to be able to print large numbers of a fact sheet summary with an organization chart and districting map. You will be kept advised of progress and the availability of all of the above.
2. Citizen's Committee. Paul Friedlander is recruiting a committee of highly respected citizens to provide the nucleus of community support for the charter. Those who have agreed to serve include men and women from both political parties and representing a variety of interests. We hope to announce formation of the committee this week. If a press conference is scheduled, you will all be notified. Office space in the Exchange Building has tentatively been arranged. You are each urged to enlist the support of responsible citizens in your community. The Committee office will be in need of volunteers to help coordinate their efforts.
3. Endorsements of the Charter. As you know, the Municipal League, the League of Women Voters, and the Community Development Council of Shoreline have endorsed passage of the charter. If you can obtain or know of additional endorsements, please let the office know.
4. Speaking engagements. Many of you have already responded to requests to fill speaking engagements of various kinds. If the request comes to you, please agree to fill it if you can. If not, get the details and let Paul Meyer know and we will enlist

one of the other freeholders to speak. Please let the office know in any event when and where you are speaking, so we can keep track of the exposure the charter is getting. If you have the time and the inclination to volunteer for speaking engagements in certain localities, at certain times, or before particular groups, let Paul know your preferences. Also, if you can arrange with the program chairman of any organizations of which you are a member, we can provide one or more freeholders at just about any time and place. When you do speak to a group that appears responsive, try to encourage them to adopt a resolution endorsing the charter and to publicize that fact.

Thanks,

Dick