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

February 6, 1968

Mr. James C. Ewing, Property Agent
KING COUNTY PROPERTY DEPARTMENT
608 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Ewing:

This will confirm our telephone conversation, in which you agreed to meet informally with the Board of King County Freeholders on Wednesday evening, February 7th, in Room 402 of the Court House, to discuss the responsibilities of your office and the operation of your department. We are having a business meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. on that date, and expect we will complete our business session by approximately 8:30.

We appreciate your willingness to spend the time to help us get acquainted with your department and to provide the necessary background for our deliberations in preparing a proposed home rule charter.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday evening.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

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

February 7, 1968

Mr. Herbert Mutschler, Director
King County Rural Library District
1100 East Union Street
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Herb:

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation to you for the fine presentation you made to our group last Saturday. We certainly appreciated your willingness to take the time to outline the operation of your department to us.

As I am sure you have gathered from the questions asked and comments made on Saturday, there is considerable question about what impact our deliberations might have on departments such as yours. Nonetheless, any time you have questions concerning our work, or would like to call our attention to any aspect related to your department, I hope you will feel free to call upon me.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALERECHE, Chairman

RRA:hg

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

February 7, 1968

Dr. Sanford Lehman, Director
Seattle-King County Public Health Dept.
904 Public Safety Building
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Dr. Lehman:

On behalf of the King County Freeholders, I want to express to you our appreciation for your excellent presentation last Saturday, describing the operation of your department. All of the Freeholders who were present felt that the discussion we had with you and Dr. Evans was interesting and informative. The background information we gained from you will, I am sure, assist us in our deliberations.

If at any time during our deliberations you have any questions, or would like to make proposals to us, I hope you will feel free to call upon me. We are anxious to do what we can to consider improvements in all aspects of County government, including the operations of your department.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

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

February 8, 1968

Hon. John T. O'Brien, Chairman
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Commissioner O'Brien:

At a regular meeting last evening, the Board of King County Freeholders unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the King County Commissioners to engage the services of Paul R. Meyer to act as Executive Secretary to the Freeholders.

Mr. Meyer is a native of the State of Washington, and a graduate of the University of Washington. He has had one year of law school, and holds a master's degree from the University of Washington Graduate School of Public Administration. For the past three and one-half years he has served as Assistant Executive Secretary to the Washington State Association of County Commissioners. He has been highly recommended to us by all who have worked with him.

The Freeholders request that your Board contract for Mr. Meyer's services at a contract rate of \$1,500 per month, in accordance with the terms of Mr. Hammond's letter to us of January 23, 1968, under terms and conditions acceptable to Mr. Meyer. We would like the opportunity to discuss with your representatives the drafting of a proposed agreement with Mr. Meyer.

As you know, the Freeholders have set for themselves a very ambitious goal to complete their work this year. It is therefore important that we have the assistance of Mr. Meyer as soon as possible, so that we may proceed in an orderly manner to meet our goal. Mr. Meyer has indicated to us that he can be available to begin his duties as Executive Secretary next week. We therefore urge the Commissioners to act as quickly as possible on this request. I will be happy to be of any assistance I can in concluding an agreement with Mr. Meyer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

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

February 8, 1968

Mr. John H. Current
Tax Research of Washington
4146 Arcade Building
Seattle, Washington 98101

Dear Mr. Current:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for submitting your name for consideration as Executive Secretary to the Freeholders and for taking the time to be interviewed by our committee. As you may have heard, the Freeholders have selected Mr. Paul Meyer for the position; and have requested the County Commissioners to engage his services.

We hope you will continue your interest in our work, and that you will bring to our attention any matter you consider relevant to our work. We would be happy to have you come in and discuss with us and with Mr. Meyer any views you have concerning provisions that might be included in our proposed charter.

Thank you again for giving us the opportunity to consider you for this position.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

NOTE: On this date this letter was also sent to the following:

Henry K. Benson, Jr.
Maj.Gen'l U.S.Army (Ret.)

Mr. Meryl Hrdlicka

Mr. Gregory Cullins
Mr. Lawrence Howard
Mr. Fred Utevsky
Mr. John Porter
Mr. Franklin Matz

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS
905-A KING COUNTY COURT HOUSE
Seattle, Washington 98104

February 9, 1968

Mr. James Ewing
KING COUNTY PROPERTY AGENT
608 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Ewing:

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to thank you for coming to our meeting last Wednesday evening to discuss with us the operation of your department. As you could tell from the questions, there is a great deal of interest on the part of the Freeholders, and we are anxious to have the views of the people who are now performing our governmental services.

I hope we will have an opportunity to discuss with you further any comments you may have concerning the Charter which we will propose. If at any time you have questions concerning our work, or would like to discuss any matter with us, I hope you will feel free to call upon me.

Thank you again for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS
905-A KING COUNTY COURT HOUSE
Seattle, Washington 98104

February 9, 1968

Mr. Cleve Anschell
Consulting Services Corporation
Tower Building
Seattle, Washington 98101

Dear Cleve:

On Behalf of the Freeholders, I want to thank you for your interest in the position of Executive Secretary and for your comments concerning some of the applicants for that position. I was sorry that you decided not to have us consider your qualifications, but I can understand your desire to find a more permanent position.

As you may have heard Mr. Paul Meyer has been selected as the Executive Secretary to the Freeholders.

We hope you will continue your interest in our work, and will feel free to call upon Mr. Meyer or any of the Freeholders to express any views you may have concerning our deliberations.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS
905-A KING COUNTY COURT HOUSE
Seattle, Washington 98104

February 13, 1968

Mr. Chas. Waitt
KING COUNTY LICENSE DIRECTOR
610 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Waitt:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of last week, in which you agreed to meet with the Board of King County Freeholders on Wednesday evening, February 14th, to discuss informally the operation of your department.

We will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Room 403 of the Court House and I have planned to allocate about 45 minutes to our discussion with you.

We shall look forward to seeing you Wednesday evening.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS
905-A KING COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Seattle, Washington 98104

February 13, 1968

Mr. Robert Richardson
KING COUNTY BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT
317 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Richardson:

This will confirm our discussion of last week, in which you agreed to meet with the Freeholders Wednesday evening, February 14th, to discuss informally your duties and the operation of your department.

We will be meeting with Mr. Waitt, the License Director, at 7:30 p.m.; and would like to be able to meet with you at about 8:15 in Room 403 of the Court House.

We shall look forward to seeing you than.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS
905-A KING COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Seattle, Washington 98104

February 13, 1968

Mr. Hayes Evans, Director
KING COUNTY SANITATION DEPARTMENT
608 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Evans:

This will confirm our discussion of last week, in which you agreed to meet with the Freeholders Wednesday evening, February 14th, to discuss informally your duties and the operation of your department.

We will be meeting with Mr. Richardson, the Building Superintendent, at 8:15 p.m., and would like to be able to meet with you at about 8:00 in Room 403 of the Court House.

We shall look forward to seeing you then.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS
905-A KING COUNTY COURT HOUSE
Seattle, Washington 98104

February 15, 1968

Mr. Hayes Evans, Director
KING COUNTY SANITATION DEPT.
608 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Evans:

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation to you for the fine presentation you made to our group last night. We certainly appreciated the slides shown by Mr. Nicholson of your department, and were impressed by the magnitude of your operation and the obvious progress you have been making towards the improvement of the refuse disposal system.

If at any time during our deliberations you have any questions, or would like to make proposals to us, I hope you will feel free to call upon us. We are anxious to do what we can to consider improvements in all aspects of County government, including the operations of your department.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS
905-A KING COUNTY COURT HOUSE
Seattle, Washington 98104

February 15, 1968

Mr. Robert Richardson
KING COUNTY BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT
317 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Richardson:

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation to you for the fine presentation you made to our group last night, describing the operation of your department. The background information we gained from you will, I am sure, assist us in our deliberations.

If at any time during our deliberations you have any questions, or would like to make proposals to us, I hope you will feel free to call upon us. We are anxious to do what we can to consider improvements in all aspects of County government, including the operations of your department.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS
905-A KING COUNTY COURT HOUSE
Seattle, Washington 98104

February 15, 1968

Mr. Charles Waitt
KING COUNTY LICENSE DIRECTOR
610 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Waitt:

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation to you for the fine presentation you made to our group last night, describing the operation of your department. The background information we gained from you will, I am sure, assist us in our deliberations.

If at any time during our deliberations you have any questions, or would like to make proposals to us, I hope you will feel free to call upon us. We are anxious to do what we can to consider improvements in all aspects of County government, including the operations of your department.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RPA:hg

February 16, 1968

Hon. John T. O'Brien, Chairman
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Attention: John T. Hammond, Budget Director

Dear Sir:

The problem of adequate telephone service is most apparent to all of us. Because of the relatively short period of time the Freeholders will have to organize and prepare a charter, it is vital that any communication barrier be eliminated.

Therefore, we request that this office be permitted to have a private telephone in addition to the existing extension in service. We have been informed that the total cost of such a service will be approximately \$97.50 for ten months. Moreover, the additional private line would simplify the accounting of long-distance telephone calls.

The need is immediate, and I request your earliest attention.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

PAUL R. MEYER, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Hon. Ed Munro
Hon. John Spellman

February 20, 1968

L. B. Johnson, Purchasing Agent
KING COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
606 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This will confirm my earlier telephone conversation with you in regard to the Freeholders' orientation meeting on Saturday, February 24th, in Room 402 of the Court House.

The Freeholders will meet with you at 10:45 a.m. to discuss the operation of your department. You will have approximately forty-five minutes to cover your area of responsibility.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

PAUL R. MEYER, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

February 20, 1968

George D. Wyse, Superintendent
KING COUNTY PARK DEPARTMENT
325-B King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear George:

This will confirm my earlier telephone conversation with you in regard to the Freeholders' orientation meeting on Saturday, February 24th, in Room 402 of the Court House.

The Freeholders will meet with you at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the operation of your department. You will have approximately forty-five minutes to cover your area of responsibility.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

PAUL R. MEYER, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

February 20, 1968

Dr. Ernest H. Campbell, Associate Director
Bureau of Governmental Research & Services
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
Seattle, Washington 98105

Dear Dr. Campbell:

On behalf of the King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for your participation in the very excellent program last Saturday.

I think we all felt a large step forward was taken in becoming better informed about the task that lies ahead for us.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

February 20, 1968

Mr. John L. Chambers, Executive Secretary
Washington State Assoc. of County Commissioners
106 Maple Park
Olympia, Washington 98501

Dear John:

On behalf of the King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for your participation in the very excellent program last Saturday.

I think we all felt a large step forward was taken in becoming better informed about the task that lies ahead for us.

We were especially appreciative of your very honest and open opinions about the administration and future design of county government.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

February 20, 1968

Dr. Ernest G. Miller
Director of Continuing Education
Graduate School of Public Affairs
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
Seattle, Washington 98105

Dear Dr. Miller:

On behalf of the King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for organizing and participating in the very excellent program last Saturday.

I think we all felt a large step forward was taken in becoming better informed about the task that lies ahead for us.

I think you could tell from the questions asked that our Board is eager to get the job done successfully. Again, let me say how valuable the conference was in providing a better understanding about charter preparation.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

February 20, 1968

Dr. Robert H. Pealy, Director
Bureau of Governmental Research & Services
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
Seattle, Washington 98105

Dear Dr. Pealy:

On behalf of the King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for your participation in the very excellent program last Saturday.

I think we all felt a large step forward was taken in becoming better informed about the task that lies ahead for us.

We appreciate the assistance that the Bureau of Governmental Research and Services has given to us, and I am sure we will be calling on you for further assistance.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

February 20, 1968

Hon. Slade Gorton
Representative 46th District
STATE OF WASHINGTON
IBM Building
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Slade:

As a follow-up to our conversation in Tacoma last Friday, we would appreciate being informed about any local government committee meetings.

Paul Meyer, our newly-hired Executive Secretary, would appreciate having copies of any bills in draft stage which affect county government.

The office of the Board of King County Freeholders is in Room 905-A, King County Court House,

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

February 20, 1968

John E. Hammond, Budget Director
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402-B King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear John:

This will confirmmy earlier telephone conversation with you in regard to the Freeholders' orientation meeting on Saturday, February 24th, Room 402, Court House.

The Freeholders will meet with you at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the duties of your office. You will have approximately forty-five minutes to cover your area of responsibility.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

PAUL R. MEYER, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

February 20, 1968

Dr. Brewster C. Denny, Director
Graduate School of Public Affairs
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
Seattle, Washington 98105

Dear Dr. Denny:

On behalf of the King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for your participation in the very excellent program last Saturday.

I think we all felt a large step forward was taken in becoming better informed about the task that lies ahead for us.

With your recent exposure to charter writing, I am sure we will be calling on you again for assistance.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

February 21, 1968

Mr. Jean L. DeSpain
KING COUNTY ENGINEER
400 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. DeSpain:

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation to you for the fine presentation you made to our group last night, describing the operation of your department. The background information we gained from you will, I am sure, assist us in our deliberations.

If at any time during our deliberations you have any questions, or would like to make proposals to us, I hope you will feel free to call upon us. We are anxious to do what we can to consider improvements in all aspects of County government, including the operations of your department.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

February 21, 1968

Mr. Harold Hopkins, Director
KING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
Lyon Building
607 Third Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation to you for the fine presentation you made to our group last night, describing the operation of the Housing Authority of the County of King. We were all interested in hearing about your operations and their relationship to County government.

If at any time during our deliberations you have any questions, or would like to make proposals to us, I hope you will feel free to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

February 26, 1968

Mr. L. B. Johnson, Purchasing Agent
KING COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
606 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation to you for the fine presentation you made to our group last Saturday, describing the operation of your department. The background information we gained from you will, I am sure, assist us in our deliberations.

If at any time during our deliberations you have any questions, or would like to make proposals to us, I hope you will feel free to call upon us. We are anxious to do what we can to consider improvements in all aspects of county government, including the operations of your department.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

February 26, 1968

George D. Wyse, Superintendent
KING COUNTY PARK DEPARTMENT
325-B King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear George:

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation to you for the fine presentation you made to our group last Saturday, describing the operation of your department. The background information we gained from you will, I am sure, assist us in our deliberations.

If at any time during our deliberations you have any questions, or would like to make proposals to us, I hope you will feel free to call upon us. We are anxious to do what we can to consider improvements in all aspects of county government, including the operations of your department.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

823 1/2

February 28, 1968

Mr. John E. Hammond, Budget Director
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402-B King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear John:

In accordance with the agreement dated February 13, 1968, between myself and the Board of County Commissioners, computed herewith is the amount payable to me for the month of February, based upon twelve working days, or 63% of the base amount of \$1,500 per month, which works out to be \$945.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Attach.

WARRANT NO.

Division of Municipal Corporations—Form 65

Current Expense Fund

COUNTY OF KING

Attach This Certificate to Your Original Invoice

CLAIM OF

CERTIFICATION

Executive Secretary
BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Date of Allowance

Amount \$ 945.00

Approved for payment:

County Commissioners of King County,
State of Washington

DISTRIBUTION		
Total - - -		

I, the undersigned do hereby certify under penalty of perjury, that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered or the labor performed as described herein, and that the claim is a just, due and unpaid obligation against County of King, and that I am authorized to authenticate and certify to said claim.

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Signed.....Chairman.....(title)

By.....

(*) State connection with claimant. If corporation, affidavit must be signed by some executive officer or manager; if co-partnership, by a member of the firm.

NOTICE: Your attention is respectfully called to Secs. 2353-2357, Rem. & Bal. Code, which provides that any person swearing falsely in an affidavit of this kind shall be guilty of perjury in the second degree, and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state penitentiary for not more than five years, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year.

R. & B. Sec. 8354. No charge for above acknowledgment by Notary Public.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that this is a true and correct claim for necessary expenses incurred by me and that no payment has been received by me on account thereof.

Signed.....

Title.....

825 1/2

February 26, 1968

Sister Christopher
Professor of Political Science
223 Xavier Hall
Seattle University
Seattle, Washington

Dear Sister Christopher:

As a follow up to our telephone conversation, Mr. Albrecht will be available to speak to your state and local government class on Monday, March 4th.

As you requested, Mr. Albrecht will meet you at your office in Xavier Hall at 12:00. In the event he is not able to speak, I will be available to substitute in his behalf.

As agreed, the area to be discussed will concern the process of developing a home rule charter, the possibilities for change under the state government, and problems that presently exist in King County Government.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

PAUL R. MEYER, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mr. Richard R. Albrecht

February 26, 1968

John E. Hammond, Budget Director
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402-B King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear John:

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation to you for the fine presentation you made to our group last Saturday, describing the duties and responsibilities of your office. The background information we gained from you will, I am sure, assist us in our deliberations. We also appreciate the additional printed material on the office of County Administrator.

If at any time during our deliberations you have any questions, or would like to make proposals to us, I hope you will feel free to call upon us. We are anxious to do what we can to consider improvements in all aspects of county government, including the duties of your office.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

February 27, 1968

Hon. John T. O'Brien, Chairman
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Commissioner O'Brien:

This will confirm the scheduled meeting between yourself and the Freeholders, Wednesday, February 28th, at 8:15 p.m.

The Freeholders would like to have you outline your responsibilities, and hear any views you might have about the possible reorganization of King County. In particular we would be interested in hearing about the new office of County Administrator, and how you envisage its function.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please call. You can anticipate spending approximately forty-five minutes with the Freeholders. This time could be used either for your presentation or a combination presentation and discussion period---whichever you choose.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: R. R. Albrecht, Chairman

February 27, 1968

Commissioner John D. Spellman
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Commissioner Spellman:

This will confirm the scheduled meeting between yourself and the Freeholders, Wednesday, February 28th, at 9:00 p.m.

The Freeholders would like to have you outline your responsibilities, and hear any views you might have about the possible reorganization of King County.

In particular, we would be interested in hearing about the new office of County Administrator, and how you envisage its function.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please call. You can anticipate spending approximately forty-five minutes with the Freeholders. This time could be used either for your presentation, or a combination presentation and discussion period--- whichever you choose.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: R. R. Albrecht, Chairman

February 23, 1968

W. M. Warren
W. M. Warren, Supervisor
KING COUNTY HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT
King County Court House Unit #2
100 Crockett Street
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Warren:

This will confirm in writing your presentation before the Board of King County Freeholders, Saturday, March 2nd, beginning at 11:15 a.m. in Room 402 of the Court House.

The Freeholders would like to have you outline the duties of your office, and indicate to them any ideas you might have for reorganization of either your office or County government.

You can anticipate having approximately fifteen minutes for your presentation and answering any questions the Freeholders may have.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:EG

February 28, 1968

Clark Brown, Chairman
King County Agricultural Extension Service
100 Crockett Street
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Brown:

This will confirm in writing your presentation before the Board of King County Freeholders, Saturday, March 2nd, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in Room 402 of the Court House.

The Freeholders would like to have you outline the duties of your office, and indicate to them any ideas you might have for reorganization of either your office or County government.

You can anticipate having approximately fifteen minutes for your presentation and answering any questions the Freeholders may have.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

February 28, 1968

S. J. Patroni, Chief Examiner
King County Civil Service Commission
843 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Patroni:

This will confirm in writing your presentation before the Board of King County Freeholders, Saturday, March 2nd, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Room 402 of the Court House.

The Freeholders would like to have you outline the duties of your office, and indicate to them any ideas you might have for reorganization of either your office or County government. Your views on the development of the Sheriff's Civil Service Law since its initiation, and how it might be integrated with a civil service or merit system for the entire County would also be of interest.

You can anticipate having approximately fifteen minutes for your presentation and answering any questions the Freeholders may have.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

February 28, 1968

William V. Kirk, Administrator
King County Veteran's Aid Bureau
607 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Kirk:

This will confirm in writing your presentation before the Board of King County Freeholders, Saturday, March 2nd, beginning at 11:00 a.m. in Room 402 of the Court House.

The Freeholders would like to have you outline the duties of your office, and indicate to them any ideas you might have for reorganization of either your office or County government.

You can anticipate having approximately fifteen minutes for your presentation and answering any questions the Freeholders may have.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

February 28, 1968

Dr. Donald L. Kruzner
King County Superintendent of Schools
309 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Dr. Kruzner:

This will confirm in writing your presentation before the Board of King County Freeholders, Saturday, March 2nd, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 402 of the Court House.

The Freeholders would like to have you outline the duties of your office, and indicate to them any ideas you might have for reorganization of either your office or County government.

You can anticipate approximately a half-hour for your presentation and answering any questions the Freeholders may have.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

February 28, 1968

Roscoe C. Burr, Director
Civil Defense, Seattle-King County
500 Mercer Street
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Burr:

This will confirm in writing your presentation before the Board of King County Freeholders, Saturday, March 2nd, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Room 402 of the Court House.

The Freeholders would like to have you outline the duties of your office, and indicate to them any ideas you might have for reorganization of either your office or County government.

You can anticipate having approximately fifteen minutes for your presentation and answering any questions the Freeholders may have.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

February 29, 1963

Ralph R. Stender, Deputy Clerk
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Stender:

The Board of King County Freeholders at its meeting of February 28th, moved to retain the services of the law firm of Short, Cressman and Cable, with John H. Strasburger as the lead attorney.

We would appreciate it if you would schedule on the Commissioners' Monday agenda the signing of the agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and Mr. Strasburger. A draft agreement will be forthcoming similar to the one between myself and the Board.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

February 29, 1968

Chairman, Bellevue Library Board
11501 Main Street
Bellevue, Washington 98004

Attention: Mrs. Jones

Dear Sir:

The King County Board of Freeholders is scheduling a public hearing on April 2nd at 7:30 p.m. We would appreciate your permission to use the meeting room of the Bellevue Public Library for this hearing.

We anticipate having between 50 and 100 people attend the public hearing, which will be directed to the subject of reorganizing county government, and drafting a home rule charter for King County.

We would appreciate having confirmation on the use of the meeting room at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

February 29, 1968

John F. Hammond, Budget Director
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear John:

Submitted herewith is a travel request for the King County Freeholders to attend a meeting in Portland, Oregon, with former members of the Multnomah County Freeholders and present county officials.

We anticipate that the cost of the trip will be \$198. This estimate includes the driving of four personal automobiles and a luncheon in Portland.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

March 5, 1968

Dr. Donald L. Kruzner
King County Superintendent of Schools
309 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Dr. Kruzner:

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation to you for the fine presentation you made to our group last Saturday, describing the operation of your department. The background information we gained from you will, I am sure, assist us in our deliberations.

We recognize that a charter cannot affect your department, but in those areas where there may be interdepartmental cooperation, we are anxious to do what we can to improve county government. If you have any proposals to make which were not covered last Saturday, we encourage your further participation.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 5, 1968

Hon. John D. Spellman
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402-L King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Commissioner Spellman:

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation to you for the fine presentation you made to our group last Wednesday night, describing your duties and responsibilities. The background information we gained from you will, I am sure, assist us in our deliberations.

As I indicated to you after the meeting, it was one of the best meetings, if not the best, orientation we have had thus far. Your comments about the future of King County will certainly be useful when we begin the drafting of the Charter.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 5, 1968

William V. Kirk, Administrator
King County Veteran's Aid Bureau
607 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Kirk:

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation to you for the fine presentation you made to our group last Saturday, describing the operation of the Veteran's Aid Bureau. The background information we gained from you will, I am sure, assist us in our deliberations.

We were especially appreciative of your open and honest comments regarding your proposed changes in the Bureau.

If at any time during our deliberations you have any questions, or would like to make proposals to us, I hope you will feel free to call upon us. We are anxious to do what we can to consider improvements in all aspects of county government, including the operations of your department.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 5, 1968

S. J. Patroni, Chief Examiner
KING COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
843 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Patroni:

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation to you for the fine presentation you made to our group last Saturday, describing your duties and the operation of the Civil Service Commission. The background information we gained will, I am sure, assist us in our deliberations.

We appreciate your suggestions for a Civil Service system, and look forward to working with you when we reach the section in the Charter on a personnel system.

If at any time during our deliberations you have any questions, or would like to make proposals to us, I hope you will feel free to call upon us. We are anxious to do what we can to consider improvements in all aspects of county government, including the operations of your department.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 5, 1968

W. M. Ward, Supervisor
KING COUNTY HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT
100 Crockett Street
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Ward:

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation to you for the fine presentation you made to our group last Saturday, describing the operation of your department. The background information we gained from you will, I am sure, assist us in our deliberations.

If at any time during our deliberations you have any questions, or would like to make proposals to us, I hope you will feel free to call upon us. We are anxious to do what we can to consider improvements in all aspects of county government, including the operations of your department.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 5, 1968

Clark Brown, Chairman
King County Agricultural Extension Service
100 Crockett Street
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Brown:

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation to you for the fine presentation you made to our group last Saturday, describing the operation of your department. The background information we gained from you will, I am sure, assist us in our deliberations.

If at any time during our deliberations you have any questions, or would like to make proposals to us, I hope you will feel free to call upon us. We are anxious to do what we can to consider improvements in all aspects of county government, including the operations of your department.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICEARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 5, 1968

Roscoe C. Burr, Director
Civil Defense, Seattle-King County
500 Mercer Street
Seattle, Wash. 98109

Dear Mr. Burr:

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation to you for the fine presentation you made to our group last Saturday, describing the operation of your department. The background information we gained from you will, I am sure, assist us in our deliberations.

If at any time during our deliberations you have any questions, or would like to make proposals to us, I hope you will feel free to call upon us. We are anxious to do what we can to consider improvements in all aspects of county government, including the operations of your department.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 12, 1968

Mr. Richard Trowbridge, Assistant
to Vice-President of Research
Room 203 Administration Building
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
Seattle, Washington 98105

Dear Dick:

This will confirm our earlier telephone conversation requesting your appearance before the Freeholders beginning at approximately 8:15 p.m., March 13th, in Room 402 of the King County Court House.

The Freeholders will be interested in hearing your observations regarding the present operation of County government, and especially those areas with which you were intimately familiar; and any recommendations you might have regarding reorganization.

You will follow the representatives of the Municipal League and their report on their study findings. You may plan on concluding your presentation at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

March 12, 1968

Mr. Jack D. Porter, Sheriff
King County Sheriff's Department
1001 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Sheriff Porter:

I have your letter of March 4, 1968, and the enclosed statement containing your views on the office of Sheriff under a Home Rule Charter. The copies of the statement have been distributed to all of the Freeholders for their study and review.

We appreciate your interest in our deliberations. You have obviously spent considerable time in gathering information and studying the experience of your colleagues in areas operating with an appointed County Manager. Please be assured we will consider all of your suggestions and weigh them carefully in our deliberations. If you should desire to supplement these remarks either by a personal appearance or by further written statements, we will be pleased to have you do so. We would, of course, appreciate your comments on any other department of county government as well.

Thank you for your interest in our work, and the time and effort you have devoted to it.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 12, 1968

Mr. Henry Sidel,
Administrative Assistant
Hon. Brock Adams
1005 United States Court House
1010 Fifth Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Henry:

I have scheduled you to speak before the King County Freeholders on Wednesday, April 10th, per telephone call through your Seattle office. The freeholders have been meeting in Room 402 of the King County Court House beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The Freeholders would be interested in hearing your personal observations about the operation of the Commissioners' office, preparation of the budget, and personnel procedures.

We are holding our first public forum on March 16th, to open discussions on the County Legislative Body. Following this, on April 2nd, we'll have a similar open forum on the County Chief Executive. We are attempting to determine from as many informed individuals as possible the kind of county structure which will be acceptable in a charter. The Freeholders have been looking to the November, 1968 general election for putting the charter to a vote.

If you have any questions regarding your presentation, please feel free to contact me.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Congressman Brock Adams
House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515
Attn: Mr. Henry Sidel,
Administrative Assistant

March 12, 1968

Hon. John T. O'Brien, Chairman
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Commissioner O'Brien:

On behalf of the King County Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation to you for taking the time to meet with us on the evening of March 6th to discuss your views on the structure of County Government, and how it might be improved.

We all appreciated your candor, and your willingness to discuss all aspects of County Government. I am sure the other Freeholders share my view that we have learned a lot about the present operation of County Government by discussing it with you and the other people responsible for its administration.

I was pleased to hear your statement that you will support and work actively for the adoption of a Home Rule Charter that contains improvements over the present structure. We are confident we can produce such a Charter, and look forward to working with you in securing its adoption by the electorate.

Thank you again for taking the time to be with us Wednesday evening. We hope we will have an opportunity to hear from you again during the course of our deliberations.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 12, 1963

Mr. Charles R. Stark
23425 - 26th Avenue South
Kent, Washington 98031

Dear Mr. Stark:

I have received your letter outlining some of your views to be considered in the drafting of a Home Rule Charter. Copies of your letter have been distributed to each of the Freeholders for their study and consideration.

As you know, the drafting of a charter is only the first step in achieving reform in county government. The charter must be adopted by the people before it becomes effective. We expect to hold a series of public forums throughout the County, and will probably later hold hearings on proposed Charter provisions. We hope other interested citizens will submit proposals outlining their views, or will present testimony at these hearings to help us evaluate the public response to various proposals.

Thank you again for your interest.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 13, 1968

National Municipal League
47 East 68th Street
New York, N. Y. 10021

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is your Invoice dated February 9, 1968, in the amount of \$42.48, which had been directed to me.

Due to a technicality in the bookkeeping system of King County, and not foreseeable by me at the time I ordered the 16 copies of the "Digest of County Manager Charters & Laws" from you, the invoice must be made out to the Board of King County Commissioners, 402 King County Courthouse, Seattle, Washington, 98104, in order to be properly processed for payment.

I realize this is an inconvenience; however, I will very much appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enc.

March 13, 1968

Hon. Mike Gleason
Board of Multnomah County Commissioners
Multnomah County Court House
Portland, Oregon

Dear Commissioner Gleason:

On behalf of the King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for your participation in our seminar in Portland last Saturday.

It was quite evident from the remarks following the meeting that we gained a great deal from the experience. Your comments about the Chief Executive, and the importance of having roots in the community, were particularly significant in adding to our understanding about a new form of county government.

I thought you might like to see what newspaper coverage resulted from the meeting; and enclosed are the articles written by Mr. Bergsman of the Seattle Times, who was with us in Portland.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS.

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

Enc.

March 13, 1968

Mr. Kenneth C. Tollenaar
Research Associate
University of Oregon
Bureau of Governmental Research & Service
P. O. Box 3177
Eugene, Oregon 97403

Dear Mr. Tollenaar:

On behalf of the King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for your participation in the seminar held in Portland last Saturday.

We appreciated especially your meeting with John Strasburger, Paul Meyer and myself Friday and covering the possible pitfalls in charter development.

Enclosed are copies of newspaper articles written by Mr. Bergsman of the Seattle Times, who attended the meeting.

We have received your letter covering your expenses; and it will be approximately two weeks before the county will be able to process the payment of this amount to you.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

Enc.

March 13, 1968

Mr. Orval Etter
2738 Alder
Eugene, Oregon 97405

Dear Mr. Etter:

On behalf of the King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for your participation in the seminar held in Portland last Saturday.

In addition to your participation Saturday, I want especially to thank you for meeting with John Strasburger, Paul Meyer and myself Friday to cover in greater detail the legal problems in charter drafting.

Enclosed are copies of newspaper articles written by Mr. Bergsman of the Seattle Times, who attended the meeting.

We have received the statement of your expenses, and it will be approximately two weeks before the county will be able to process the payment of this amount to you.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

Enc.

March 13, 1968

Mr. Loren "Bud" Kramer
Chief of Administrative Services
Multnomah County
Multnomah County Court House
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Kramer:

On behalf of the King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for your participation in the seminar held last Saturday in Portland.

We were particularly appreciative of your open and honest comments about the county legislative body. Judging from the remarks of my fellow Freeholders, the meeting was felt to be most helpful, and will give us clearer insight into the preparation of a charter in King County.

Enclosed are copies of newspaper articles written by Mr. Bergsman of the Seattle Times, who attended the meeting.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

Enc.

March 13, 1968

Mr. Lloyd Anderson
CORNELL, HOWLAND, HAYES & MERRYFIELD
811 Southwest Sixth
Portland, Oregon

Dear Lloyd:

On behalf of the King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for arranging the seminar in Portland last Wednesday. It was a smashing success.

I feel the Freeholders are a little farther along in understanding the complex relationship between the legislative body and the chief executive. By looking at the Multnomah County situation, I think we have a better understanding of this relationship.

We invited Jerry Bergsman of the Seattle Times to attend the seminar; and enclosed are copies of two articles resulting from Mr. Bergsman's attendance.

We are looking forward to having you meet with the Freeholders at a time convenient to you. Enclosed is a copy of our March-April work schedule, showing open dates for possible meetings. If one of these dates is acceptable to you, please let me know.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enc.

cc: Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman
BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

March 13, 1968

Hon. Ed Munro
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Commissioner Munro:

This will confirm your appearance before the King County Freeholders at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, March 16th, in Room 403 of the Courthouse. As at previous meetings with County officials, members of the press will be invited to sit in.

Following your presentation, the Freeholders will go into their scheduled Public Forum at 10:00 a.m. in Room 402. If you wish to speak at the Public Forum, and concentrate on the County Legislative Body, we would be happy to place you at the beginning of the Forum.

We anticipate a number of citizens being present at the Forum, but not at the orientation.

The attached list of questions has been prepared as a guideline for those who wish to participate in the Forum.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

Attachment

March 13, 1968

Hon. John Spellman
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Commissioner Spellman:

This Saturday, March 16th, beginning at 10:00 a.m., the Board of King County Freeholders will hold the first in a series of public forums to discuss various aspects of the proposed Home Rule Charter. At this forum, we will be concentrating on the legislative body.

If you or a representative from your office would like to attend the forum and make any comments regarding this part of the Charter, we would be happy to schedule your appearance at the beginning of the forum.

The attached list of questions has been prepared as a guideline for those who will be participating.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

Attachment

March 13, 1968

Hon. John T. O'Brien, Chairman
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

Attachment

March 14, 1968

Mr. Ralph R. Stender
Deputy Clerk
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402 King County Court House

Dear Mr. Stender:

Thank you for your letter outlining the responsibilities of the County Auditor in connection with the Board of County Commissioners. Your letter was distributed to the Freeholders at the March 13th meeting. From what you have stated in your letter, it is evident that the Freeholders will have a number of questions which they will want to ask following the points which you covered.

As you may no doubt know, the Freeholders have been hearing from various County officials regarding the functions of their departments. We have heard from Ed Logan from the Auditor's office, but his presentation was in a very specialized area. We have an available meeting date, March 27th, at 7:30 p.m. Would you be willing to meet with the Freeholders that evening for approximately one hour?

Please let us know at your earliest convenience, whether or not this date is suitable.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALERECHE, Chairman

RRA:hg

M E M O

March 14, 1968

TO: ALL FREEHOLDERS
FROM: Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary

Attached is the revised Work Schedule discussed at the Wednesday night meeting. Your attention is directed to the fact that the March 19th meeting has been cancelled; and in its place a special meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21st.

As agreed, the March 23rd morning session will be dropped, and in its place a meeting will be held in the afternoon (which is tentative) may be scheduled on Sunday, depending on the individuals who will be able to attend the meeting with us.

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BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

REVISED WORK SCHEDULE - MARCH 16 - APRIL 10

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>
March 16 - Sat. 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. -	Courthouse Room 403 Room 402	Orientation: Comm. Ed Munro Public Forum: County Legis- lative Body, size, composition, selection, duties, politics.
March 21 - Thurs. 2:00-3:00 p.m.	Parkland, (suburb of Tacoma)	PLU Conference: Special meeting with Mr. Wm. Allen, Toronto Council Chairman, and Mr. Bernard Hillenbrand, Ex-Dir. Nat'l Assoc. of Counties.
March 23 - Sat. 1:00-4:00 p.m. (Tentative)	Olympic Hotel	Orientation: Mr. Ed Michaelian, Westchester County, N. Y., Executive, Wm. McDougall, Calif. Assoc. Ex-Secretary.
Mar. 27 - Wed.	Room 402 K. C. Courthouse	Orientation: Ralph Stender, Deputy Clerk of the Board.
Mar. 30 - Sat. 10:00 a.m.	Room 402 K. C. Courthouse	Deliberations on the County Legislative Body.
April 2.- Tues. 7:30 p.m.	Bellevue Public Library	Public Forum: County Chief Executive, form, duties, relationships.
April 6 - Sat. 10:00 a.m.	Rooms 402/403 K. C. Courthouse	Deliberations on the County Chief Executive.
April 10- Wed. 7:30 a.m.	Room 402 K. C. Courthouse	Orientation: Henry Sidel, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Brock Adams.

March 15, 1968

Mrs. Peggy Peterson,
Public Affairs Chairman
Business & Professional Women's Club
12545 - 8th Northeast
Seattle, Washington 98125

Dear Mrs. Peterson:

As a follow-up to our telephone conversation, either Mr. Albrecht or myself will be attending your meeting on March 29th, and will speak before the Business & Professional Women's Club.

As I indicated, Mr. Albrecht will plan to be there; but in the event there is a conflict in his schedule, I will fill in.

Apparently, your organization was not among those mailed a copy of our news release last week. I am enclosing a copy of the Freeholders' Work Schedule, which includes the date of the next public forum, which your organization may wish to attend.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Richard Albrecht, Chairman
Board of King County Freeholders

Mrs. Peggy McDonald, President
Business & Professional Women's Club
1017 Minor, Seattle, 98104

Encl.

March 18, 1968

Hon. Ed Munro
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Commissioner Munro:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for your presentation last Saturday. We appreciated your taking time from your very busy schedule to meet with us.

Your comments about the proposed charter will, I am sure, be most helpful in our deliberations; and we recognize the fact that some concessions will have to be made, as you pointed out, in order to obtain passage of the Charter.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 18, 1968

Dr. Lowell Culver
Professor of Political Science
PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY
Tacoma, Washington

Dear Dr. Culver:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of last week, regarding the activities on Thursday, March 21.

As agreed, Dick Albrecht and I will pick up Mr. Allen at the Swept Wing Inn shortly after 8:00 a.m., and will then proceed directly to the campus.

You will have approximately ten of our fifteen Freeholders at the conference, and we'll be prepared to meet with Mr. Allen and Mr. Hillenbrand between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. in the Faculty Lounge.

When we arrive in Tacoma, we will discuss with you who will be attending the dinner at the Lakewood Terrace.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$3.00 for my registration. The Freeholders have been instructed to correspond directly with you regarding their registration.

We appreciate this opportunity to meet with your program people and hope that we are not overstepping our welcome.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enc.

March 18, 1968

Mr. Gordon Conger
Preston, Thorgrimson, Horowitz, Starin & Ellis
I B M Building
Seattle, Washington 98101

Dear Gordon:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I
want to thank you for presenting to us the report of the
Municipal League.

I am sure the report will add a lot to our work and
will make for a better end product.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 18, 1968

Mr. Richard Trowbridge, Assistant
to Vice-President of Research
Room 203 Administration Building
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
Seattle, Washington 98105

Dear Mr. Trowbridge:

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation for your presentation to our group last Wednesday evening. The insight and suggestions we received from you will indeed be useful to us in our future deliberations.

We also appreciate your suggestions regarding the proposed charter.

Thank you again for taking the time from your busy schedule to meet with us.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 20, 1968

Mr. Ken Rogstad, Chairman
King County Republican Central Committee
Arcade Building
Seattle, Washington 98101

Dear Mr. Rogstad:

As you know, the King County Freeholders held the first of a planned series of public forums concerning various aspects of a home rule charter last Saturday, March 16, at the King County Courthouse. At that forum we heard comments and discussion from various organizations and individuals concerning the composition of the county legislative body and the duties, term of office and method of selection of its members.

We were disappointed that we did not hear from a representative of either of the major political parties in King County. We are aware of your interest and that of the other party leaders in county government and hope that we will have the benefit of your views during the course of our deliberations.

We are planning several additional forums to be held at various locations throughout the county and with emphasis in each case on particular aspects of a home rule charter. We hope that you or another representative from the Republican Party will be able to attend one or more of these forums to express your views. We would also welcome any written presentation outlining any positions your party has taken with respect to provisions to be included in a home rule charter.

The next public forum will be held at the Bellevue Public Library, Bellevue, Washington, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2nd. You will receive announcements concerning the other sessions as they are scheduled. If you or your representative plan to attend the April 2nd forum, we can arrange to accommodate you early on the program if you will let us know in advance.

Mr. Ken Rogstad, Chairman
K. C. Republican Central Committee
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March 20, 1968

You may call me directly at Mutual 2-3770, or Mr. Meyer, our
Executive Secretary, at Main 3-5556, or Main 2-5900, Ext. 557.

If you have any questions concerning the activities of the
Freeholders, I hope you will feel free to call me at any time.

Yours very truly,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 20, 1968

Mrs. Jeannette Williams, Chairman
King County Democratic Central Committee
Arctic Building
Seattle, Washington 98101

Dear Mrs. Williams:

As you know, the King County Freeholders held the first of a planned series of public forums concerning various aspects of a home rule charter last Saturday, March 16, at the King County Courthouse. At that forum we heard comments and discussion from various organizations and individuals concerning the composition of the county legislative body and the duties, term of office and method of selection of its members.

We were disappointed that we did not hear from a representative of either of the major political parties in King County. We are aware of your interest and that of the other party leaders in county government, and hope that we will have the benefit of your views during the course of our deliberations.

We are planning several additional forums to be held at various locations throughout the county, and with emphasis in each case on particular aspects of a home rule charter. We hope that you or another representative from the Democratic Party will be able to attend one or more of these forums to express your views. We would also welcome any written presentation outlining any positions your party has taken with respect to provisions to be included in a home rule charter.

The next public forum will be held at the Bellevue Public Library, Bellevue, Washington, at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2nd. You will receive announcements concerning the other sessions as they are scheduled. If you or your representative plan to attend the April 2nd forum, we can arrange to accommodate you early on the program if you will let us know in advance.

Mrs. Jeannette Williams, Chairman
King County Democratic Central Committee
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March 20, 1968

You may call me directly at Mutual 2-8770, or Mr. Meyer, our Executive Secretary, at Main 3-5556, or Main 2-5900, Ext. 557.

If you have any questions concerning the activities of the Freeholders, I hope you will feel free to call me at any time.

Yours very truly,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 20, 1968

Mr. Richard Milbrodt, County Administrator
Washington County
Washington County Court House
Hillsboro, Oregon

Dear Mr. Milbrodt:

As a follow-up to our telephone conversation, and a subsequent phone conversation with Mrs. Barbara Wilcox, the King County Frecholders are expecting to meet with you on Sunday, March 24th, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 402 of the King County Court House, which is located at Third & James Streets in Seattle.

I have asked Mrs. Wilcox to cover the charter development phase and make any comments she wishes regarding the present operation; however, the operation of the county after the charter passage will be the area of your concern.

I expect that we will be through about 4:00 p.m.

I am enclosing a copy of the news release covering our Multnomah County visit two weeks ago, which you might find helpful as background information.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

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March 20, 1968

Mrs. Barbara Wilcox, Director
Inter-Governmental Coordination Commission
Office of the Governor
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

As a follow-up to our telephone conversation, we will plan to meet with you and Mr. Richard Milbrodt beginning at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 24th, in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse, which is located at Third & James Streets, here in Seattle.

The approach we have been taking is to allow each speaker 15 or 20 minutes to cover their area of expertise. In your case, we feel the freeholders would benefit from knowing how the Washington County Charter came about, problems in its development and the concessions made in order to obtain its passage.

If you have any observations you would like to make regarding the overall charter movement in Oregon, such comments might also be useful in our studies.

I am asking Mr. Milbrodt to pick up at the point of actual operation under the new charter, and to explain how it has been working. You might also want to comment in this area as well.

I anticipate that we should be finished by approximately 4:00 p.m.

I am enclosing a copy of the articles which resulted from the Multnomah County visit, which you might find valuable as background information.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

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March 20, 1968

Hon. Charles O. Carroll
Prosecuting Attorney
King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Carroll:

On behalf of the King County Freeholders, I would like to extend to you an invitation to meet with us to discuss your observations concerning the operation of county government and, if you wish, to express your opinion on some of the proposals for its improvement.

The Freeholders are all aware of the constitutional provision which prohibits a home rule charter from affecting the election of the prosecuting attorney. For this reason, our early meetings have concentrated on other officials and department heads and our discussions have been largely with people holding those positions. Nevertheless, we all recognize your long experience in county government and believe that your service as prosecuting attorney has given you an opportunity to observe the operation of other offices and departments of county government to an extent and from a point of view not available to anyone else. As an independently elected official, you are in a unique position to assess the strength and weaknesses of the other departments of county government.

We hope you will be willing to share your knowledge with us. We would be happy to meet with you either publicly or privately at any time that is convenient for you. If you would prefer to make a written presentation, we would welcome that as well, although I am sure the Freeholders would like an opportunity to ask some questions and engage in some informal discussions with you.

Because we hope to be preparing a first draft of the charter

Hon. Charles O. Carroll
King County Prosecuting Attorney

March 20, 1968

before long, we would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you as soon as possible. Please feel free to call me at Mutual 2-8770, or Mr. Paul Meyer, our executive secretary, at extension 557 in the Courthouse. We hope you will be available to meet with us soon.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 21, 1968

Mr. Paul S. Friedlander
c/o The Racquet Club
Palm Springs, California

Dear Paul:

Not knowing the extent to which information has been flowing down to Palm Springs, I thought I would send along some things that might help you keep abreast of the Freeholder activities here in Seattle.

Since your departure, we have held our first public hearing, made a trip to Multnomah County to visit the new charter county in Portland, and have just about concluded our orientation with county officials and various people connected with county government.

I am sending along copies of the newspaper clippings from our clipping service, which give a pretty good indication of what has happened the past few weeks. One of the developments from our orientations which is somewhat significant was the announcement by the Veteran's Aid administrator when he was testifying before the Freeholders that his job should be abolished. As you can see from the clippings, a good deal of publicity was given to that statement.

The trip to Multnomah County was very helpful. Commissioner Gleason, who was elected as the Chairman of the five-member full time commission there, was very candid and informal with us. He indicated the problems that he was having in delegating responsibility to the other commissioners, but he indicated that in spite of that difficulty the new system was working because of the cooperative spirit of the men on the board. The general impression that I had, and I think was conveyed to the Freeholders, was that the charter, in spite of the difficulties in its passage, has been working very well---largely because of the people involved in the administration.

March 21, 1968

This coming weekend we hope to capitalize on the National Association of Counties' Western Region meeting at the Olympic Hotel. A number of the elected executives will be at the meeting, and we have made arrangements to meet with them.

The first public forum, held last Saturday, on the legislative body, was attended by approximately twenty-five people---which was about a 25% response from the letters mailed to various organizations. In spite of the small turnout, we did have a number of people who provided some excellent comment on that section of the Charter.

The next session we'll be having with the public will be in Bellevue on April 2nd, at the Bellevue Public Library, when we'll be concentrating on the chief executive. Following the April 2nd hearing, we'll hold another on April 18th, in Kent, which will be devoted to the personnel system in the County.

I hope this covers enough of the activities of the Freeholders to give you the gist of what's been happening. We're looking forward to your return, and by the latter part of April we will be working on an initial draft of at least the legislative and chief executive sections of the Charter.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

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JEWELERS

FIFTH AVENUE AT PIKE STREET
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101

March 1, 1968

Mr. Richard Albrecht
Attorney at Law
1900 Washington Building
Seattle, Washington

Dear Dick:

This is to inform you that I will be out of town from Saturday afternoon, March 2nd until April 1st. I can be reached at the Racquet Club in Palm Springs, California and should you desire for me to come home for any reason I would be more than pleased to do so.

I would appreciate it if you would take minutes and notes on all of the meetings and forward them to me at the Racquet Club in Palm Springs so that I can keep abreast of what is going on.

Sincerely,

Paul S. Friedlander

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March 27, 1968

Dr. Lowell Culver
Pacific Lutheran University
Tacoma, Washington

Dear Dr. Culver:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for the excellent cooperation and assistance you afforded us during your regional planning conference on March 21st.

Your conferences have brought to this area some outstanding leaders in the field of local metropolitan government. In doing so, you have made a valuable contribution not only to your own community, but to groups such as ours, engaged in the business of searching for a better way for local government to meet the challenge of urbanization.

The Freeholders who were able to attend were particularly appreciative of the opportunity to meet informally with Mr. Anderson and Chairman Allen. Those who were able to stay for the evening dinner hour gained additional insight and perspective through our conversations with your guests.

If at any time during our deliberations on a home rule charter for King County you have any comments or viewpoints you would like to express to us, we would welcome them either in written form or delivered personally at one of our meetings.

Thank you again for your fine hospitality.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 27, 1968

Mr. Paul A. Anderson
Board of Supervisors
Riverside County
California

Dear Mr. Anderson:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to express to you our appreciation for your taking the time to meet with us during your visit to the conference on community planning at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma on March 21st.

Those of us who were able to attend the conference appreciated the opportunity to discuss with you the operation of county government in Southern California, and to benefit from your experiences. We hope we will be able to prepare a charter that will be acceptable to the voters of King County, and will provide us with a local government capable of dealing with the rapid organization of our area.

Once again, our appreciation to you for the opportunity to discuss our common problems with you.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 27, 1968

Mr. C. Carey Donworth, Chairman
Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle Council
410 West Harrison Street
Seattle, Washington 98119

Dear Mr. Donworth:

As you know, the Board of King County Freeholders has been meeting during the past few months in preparation for the drafting of a home rule charter to be submitted to the electorate in King County. We have met with nearly all of the elected officials and department heads in the county, and have begun a series of public forums to give individuals and organizations throughout the county an opportunity to express their views on matters to be included in the charter.

Although we expect that a home rule charter will only indirectly affect the management and operation of the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle, we are aware of the importance of the relationship between the county and other units of government. We would like to invite you or any representative from the Metro staff to meet with us to discuss the relationship between the county and Metro, and express any opinions that may have been formed as a result of this relationship. We are interested not only in attempting to minimize present troubled areas, but also to avoid creating new ones by reasons of changes in the structure of county government.

If you or your representative are able to meet with us, please call our Executive Secretary, Mr. Paul Meyer, at MA 3-5556; or telephone me directly at MU 2-8770. We can arrange for you to meet with the Freeholders either publicly or privately, and I am certain we can find a mutually agreeable time.

We shall look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 27, 1968

Mr. William R. Allen, Q. C.
Chairman, Metropolitan Council
Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dear Chairman Allen:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to express to you our appreciation for your taking the time to meet with us during your visit to the conference on community planning at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma on March 21st.

As we deliberate on a home rule charter to reform the structure of our county government, I am sure many of us will wish that it would be possible politically and practically to establish a metropolitan government patterned after yours. If we could be certain that the form of government that we propose would assure executive leadership of the calibre you are providing to Toronto, our problems would be solved.

Once again, our thanks for sharing your experiences with us. I enjoyed very much the opportunity to become acquainted. I hope when you next visit our area, we can report a successful effort and a modern, smoothly functioning local government.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 27, 1938

The Hon. William J. Wilkins
Presiding Judge
King County Superior Court
King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Judge Wilkins:

As you know, the Board of King County Freeholders has been meeting for several months to discuss the operation of the county and its departments with the elected officials and department heads who administer it. We have concentrated on departments whose organization might be affected by a home rule charter which we are to prepare.

The Freeholders recognize that they are prohibited by the 21st Amendment from affecting the election of judges or the jurisdiction of the courts. Nevertheless, there are no doubt some aspects of county government where a change would affect the operation of the courts. Also, the Superior Court Judges are in a good position to be aware of problems that may exist in administrative departments with which they have come in contact.

We would, therefore, like to extend to you and to the other Superior Court Judges an invitation to make known to us any information or opinions you may have concerning the structure of county government. We would be pleased to have a written report or recommendation from the Judges. I am sure many of the Freeholders would like also to have an opportunity to discuss some of these matters with you or the other Judges, and we would be happy to arrange a meeting for that purpose at your convenience.

You may call me at MU 2-8770, or Mr. Paul Meyer, our Executive Secretary, at Extension 557 in the Courthouse, to arrange such a meeting.

The Hon. William J. Wilkins
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If at any time during our deliberations you have questions concerning our activities or would like to express comments to us, we hope you will feel free to do so, as it is only with the fullest exchange of ideas that we can make an intelligent choice of the alternatives available with respect to a charter.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

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LYLE R. SCHNEIDER
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March 28, 1968

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

Dear Richard:

I will be unable to attend the March 30th meeting of the Freeholders. Since this meeting is to be concerned with the legislative body, I want to express my views on this subject briefly.

The more I have studied the legislative process and listened to the men who work with various legislative groups, I concur with the broader view first expressed by Norm Ackley. He reasoned we should have as many commissioners as we have legislative districts in the county. I would favor not less than nine nor more than 15 commissioners: one commissioner to be elected from each district. If the legislative body is to be less than 15, the freeholders should redistrict the county into as many districts to equal the total number of commissioners. No commissioner to be elected at large. The commissioners are to serve full time and select their own chairman. Their salaries could be established within the \$12,000.00 to \$25,000.00 range.

The commissioners could run for election on terms of office for at least four years to six years on a partisan or non-partisan basis. My experience in city elections proved to me the commissioners could run on a non-partisan basis, and serve on a non-partisan basis and do a job real well without political declaration. (The California system is non-partisan.)

A chief executive officer is to be elected at large for a term of four to six years, at a salary range of \$25,000.00 to \$40,000.00 plus expenses. He would have veto power and be responsible for executive control over heads of departments, the same as a city manager or city mayor.

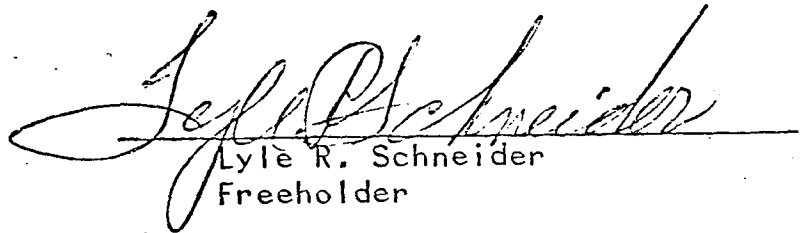
This is a base framework and the rest can be filled in as we go.

Mr. Richard R. Albrecht
Chairman, Board of King County Freeholders

March 28, 1968

I particularly take issue with many of the exponents of the necessity of partisan elections. Show me the evidence or proof where partisan officials have performed better and done a better job and are of a higher caliber than non-partisan officials. Being elected by districts and on a non-partisan basis will cut the cost of elections, attract better qualified, interested citizens to run and will result in better performance in office with no political promises or obligations to be fulfilled.

Sincerely yours,



Lyle R. Schneider
Freeholder

P. S. Please read this at the meeting to express my views in my regretted absence. Thank you.

P. S. Since I am now reconciled to the fact that we should have a commissioner elected from each district, it is not nearly as important to have the chief executive officer or county administrator to be elected. The public must have representation and it will get that representation through its district commissioner. Therefore, I am not opposed at all to having the commissioners hire their own county administrator who would be responsible to the commissioners under a like salary of \$25,000.00 to \$40,000.00 a year, and would be an executive who would work with the commissioners as a group, and with special committees of commissioners, and would act as the executive arm of the commissioners.

March 27, 1968

Mr. Robert A. Morris, Auditor
Office of the King County Auditor
212 King County Court House
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Morris:

As you know, the Board of King County Freeholders has been meeting with the county elected officials and department heads to gain information concerning the operation of the county, and to obtain the points of view of various county officials concerning provisions that might be included in the home rule charter we are to propose.

We are sorry you have not been in good health, as I am sure the Freeholders would benefit from your long experience in county government. We have heard an excellent presentation from Mr. Logan, your deputy and Election Superintendent, and we have a meeting planned with Mr. Stender, Deputy Auditor and Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners.

If you are able to do so, we would appreciate your dictating a few comments of your own to add to the background provided by your deputies. If you should express to us your points of view on matters affecting the Auditor's office and its current duties and functions, and your recommendations concerning treatment of these matters in a charter, we will circulate your report among all the Freeholders and see that it receives adequate discussion. We are hoping in the near future to hold a public forum to hear from interested citizens and organizations concerning the handling of fiscal matters for the county. We would welcome a representative from your office, and would be pleased to accord him an opportunity to make a presentation early in the hearing.

With best wishes for your personal health.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS
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RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 27, 1968

The Hon. J. D. Braman, Mayor
City of Seattle
Municipal Building
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Braman:

As you know, the Board of King County Freeholders has been meeting for several months in preparation for our task of drafting a home rule charter to be proposed to the voters of King County. We have met with nearly all elected officials and department heads of King County and discussed with them the operation of county government and their suggestions for its improvement.

One matter that has received considerable attention is the relationship between the county and other levels of local government. The City of Seattle is, of course, the most important of these because of its role as the core city in this metropolitan complex.

While the charter we propose may not directly affect any of the City's operations, it appears to us that it may have an indirect effect on a number of aspects of city government. We would appreciate the benefit of your long experience with the City of Seattle, and would welcome the comments you would care to offer concerning the County Charter and how it might affect the relationship between the city and the county government.

If you would care to submit written comments, we will see that a copy is delivered to each of the Freeholders and given consideration. I am certain that many of the Freeholders would like an opportunity to discuss with you some of the questions that are of concern to us; and we would like to invite you to meet with us either publicly or privately at your convenience for such a discussion.

The Hon. J. D. Braman, Mayor
City of Seattle

March 27, 1968

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You may call me at MU 2-8770, or Mr. Paul Meyer, our Executive Secretary, at MA 3-5556, to discuss the scheduling of such a meeting. We hope you will be able to take the time from your busy schedule to share your views with us.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 28, 1968

Mr. John M. Haydon, President
Seattle Port Commission
PORT OF SEATTLE
P. O. Box 1209
Seattle, Washington 98111

Dear Mr. Haydon:

As you know, the Board of King County Freeholders has been meeting over the course of the past few months in preparation for the drafting of a home rule charter to be proposed to the voters of King County. We have met with most of the elected officials and department heads of the County government, and have begun a series of public forums to give individuals and organizations in the County an opportunity to express their views on matters to be included in the charter.

Although the charter provisions will probably not directly affect any of the other governmental units in the County, some of them may indirectly affect operations such as the Port of Seattle. We feel it is important that we have in mind the relationship between the County and other units of local government during the drafting of a charter.

We would welcome an opportunity to discuss with you or other representatives of your Commission the relationship between the Port Commission and County government. We would be happy to arrange a meeting, either publicly or privately, with you or your representatives. If you prefer, we would welcome your written comments concerning matters you would like to have us consider in drafting a charter. If you would care to meet with us, please call Mr. Paul Meyer, our Executive Secretary, at MA 3-5556, or call me directly at MU 2-8770, and we will attempt to arrange a meeting at your convenience.

We shall look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

March 29, 1968

Mr. Francis Holman
1900 Washington Building
Seattle, Washington 98101

Dear Mr. Holman:

The Association of County Commissioners' Initiative which we discussed is enclosed.

If you would like to know anything more about the operation of the King County Freeholders that you haven't discussed with Dick Albrecht, feel free to drop in at our office in Room 905-A in the Courthouse at any time.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosure

March 29, 1968

Mr. T. M. Heggland
3200 Sixth Avenue
San Diego, California 92103

Dear Mr. Heggland:

As a follow-up to our telephone conversation today, this will confirm your appearance before the Board of King County Freeholders on April 6, 1968, in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse in Seattle, Washington.

A reservation has been made for you at the Hilton Inn, adjacent to the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, for Friday evening, April 5th. I will plan to pick you up at the Hilton Saturday morning at approximately 9:00.

The Board of King County Freeholders will reimburse you for your travel and related expenses.

For your information, you might be interested in the copy of the most recent editorial regarding the activities of the King County Freeholders, which is attached.

You have been highly recommended to us, and we are looking forward to a fruitful session with you on the 6th of April.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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Attachment

P.S. It would be helpful if you would send me a biographical sketch of yourself for purposes of introduction.

March 20, 1968

Mrs. Marie Jensen, City Clerk
City of Kent
Kent City Hall
Kent, Washington 98031

Dear Mrs. Jensen:

I understand Mr. Terry McKenna has already spoken to you in regard to a public forum the King County Freeholders will be holding on April 18, 1968, at 7:30 p.m. in the Kent City Hall.

This will confirm the arrangements made by Mr. McKenna for the Freeholders to hold their forum on that date in the Kent City Hall. If there are any charges for the use of the hall, I would appreciate knowing about them prior to the meeting.

We are anticipating approximately 30 - 60 persons to be in attendance at this forum, and would very much appreciate having seating accommodations available for the maximum number noted.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

April 1, 1968

Commissioner Elvin Haut
Washington County
Washington County Courthouse
Hillsboro, Oregon

Dear Commissioner Haut:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for meeting with us on Sunday, March 24th. Your comments on Washington County and its method of administration through the appointed administrator-commission form will be most helpful to us in understanding and appreciating the alternatives which we will be considering for King County.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

April 1, 1968

Commissioner Clayton Nyberg
Washington County
Washington County Courthouse
Hillsboro, Oregon

Dear Commissioner Nyberg:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for meeting with us on Sunday, March 24th. Your comments on Washington County and its method of administration through the appointed administrator-commission form will be most helpful to us in understanding and appreciating the alternatives which we will be considering for King County.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

April 1, 1968

Mrs. Barbara Wilcox, Director
Inter-Governmental Coordination Commission
Office of the Governor
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for meeting with us on Sunday, March 24th. Your comments about the problems of developing the Washington County Charter were most enlightening, and I am sure will help us in avoiding some of the pitfalls that a charter commission inevitably has.

As Mr. Meyer indicated, the Freeholders will be glad to reimburse you for your trip expenses from Salem, Oregon. If you will send us a letter detailing the expenses, we will in turn process it through the bookkeeping system.

Your letter with the Oregon Law Review article has been received, and we appreciate your efforts in bringing this to our attention, and we will make it available to our attorney, Mr. John Strasburger, as I am sure he will find this article most helpful.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

April 1, 1968

Mr. Richard Milbrodt, County Administrator
Washington County
Washington County Courthouse
Hillsboro, Oregon

Dear Mr. Milbrodt:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for meeting with us on Sunday, March 24th. Your comments on Washington County and its method of administration through the appointed administrator-commission form will be most helpful to us in understanding and appreciating the alternatives we will be considering for King County.

I would especially like to thank you for Paul Meyer and myself for making time during the Western Region Meeting to meet with us.

You mentioned to Paul that you could send additional copies of your speech on the advantages and disadvantages of a charter county. If you could provide an additional 14 copies, this would save us considerable duplication. You mentioned an ordinance enumerating your duties in Washington County, and we would appreciate having copies of this as well.

You might be interested in knowing that Mr. Heggland, with whom you formerly worked, will be speaking to the Freeholders on Saturday, April 6th. The Freeholders will be giving the appointed manager form very careful examination, and we will be holding a public forum this week to hear the public's views on this area of the charter.

Again, let me say how appreciative we are of your making time available during your recent visit to Seattle.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

April 1, 1968

Mr. Hartley Newsum, Program Chairman
Seattle Junior Chamber of Commerce
1604 I B M Building
Seattle, Washington 98101

Dear Mr. Newsum:

As a follow-up to our telephone conversation of Friday, March 29th, this is to inform you that Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman of the Board of King County Freeholders will be available to speak at the Junior Chamber's noon luncheon in the Chamber cafeteria on Wednesday, April 3rd.

As I explained to you over the telephone, in the event Mr. Albrecht cannot be there, I will appear in his stead. As you indicated, Mr. Albrecht will direct his remarks to what the Freeholders have been doing since January, and what areas they anticipate covering in the next few months. I have advised him to limit his remarks to 20 minutes, leaving approximately 10 minutes for questions.

If you wish to contact Mr. Albrecht directly, his telephone number is NU 2-8770.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hq

cc: Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman
Board of King County Freeholders

April 2, 1968

Mr. Bernard F. Hillenbrand,
Executive Director, NACO
1001 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Bernie:

As you will recall, when we were in Tacoma I asked you if you could provide the 15 Freeholders of King County with individual copies of the County Reorganization Advisory Service publication No. 3, on the Elected vs. the Appointed Executive.

We will be deliberating this coming Saturday, April 6th, on the Chief Executive, and would appreciate having copies of this publication by then.

We appreciate the help that you gave us during the recent Western Region Meeting, and we are very sorry that you were unable to meet with us Tuesday evening during the conference. Many of the Freeholders anticipated seeing you that evening, and asked me to express to you their disappointment that you were not there.

We did have an excellent discussion with Mr. Michaelian and Commissioner Gleason, and a number of the Snohomish County Freeholders had come down to attend that meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

April 3, 1968

Bellevue Library Board
Bellevue Public Library
11501 Main Street
Bellevue, Washington 98004

Attention: Mrs. Jones

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for allowing us to use the meeting room of the Bellevue Public Library for our public forum last night; It is a most delightful place to hold a meeting, and the approximately 60 people who attended were pleased, I am sure, with the pleasant surroundings.

I trust that we left the room in as good order as we found it.

Again, we appreciated the opportunity of using the meeting room for our forum.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

April 4, 1968

Mr. Fred DeArmond
King Screens, Inc.
320 Aurora Ave. No.
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Fred:

In connection with our telephone conversation on the possible filming of the Freeholders' activities, enclosed is their work schedule for the next four weeks.

As I indicated, the deliberations and the public forums are undoubtedly the core activities of the Freeholders. All of our meetings have been open to the public, and therefore any possible filming would be no problem.

I hope to see you either on the 18th or the 20th of April.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enc.

April 4, 1968

Mr. Charles Dunsire, Editorial Writer
The Seattle Post-Intelligencer
5th and Wall Streets,
Seattle, Washington 98121

Dear Mr. Dunsire:

The Board of King County Freeholders has prepared its work schedule for the next four weeks, and extends to you an invitation to attend any of the meetings you so desire.

All of the meetings have been open to the public, and have been well-attended, both by the Freeholders and the public.

The meeting on the 18th of April and the deliberations on the chief executive on April 20th are two meetings which will probably generate considerably more interest than the orientation meetings this week and next week.

If you have any questions about the work of the Freeholders, please feel free to call me at MA 3-5556 or drop in at our office in Room 905-A of the King County Courthouse.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Encl.

April 5, 1968

Mr. Ralph Stender
Clerk of the Board
King County Commissioners
402 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98106

Dear Mr. Stender:

It is requested by the Board of King County Freeholders that the attached letter, including a detailed budget for the Freeholders, be placed on the Commissioners' agenda at the earliest possible date.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Attachment

April 9, 1968

Mrs. Billie Nichols
1512 N. W. 63rd Street
Seattle, Washington 98107

Dear Mrs. Nichols:

The Board of King County Freeholders will be holding a public forum on April 18th at 7:30 p.m., in the Kent City Hall, to consider views on a personnel system for King County.

The attached outline of questions will be used as a means of directing the discussion at this forum.

Because of your leadership in the King County Employees' Organization, I am sure you would be interested in expressing your views on a personnel system for the County.

If you plan to attend the forum, I would appreciate knowing, so that your name may be included on the roster. If you have any questions regarding the work of the Freeholders, please feel free to contact me.

You might be interested in attending some of the meetings other than the forum on the 18th, and enclosed is a work schedule for the next four weeks. You are welcome to attend any of the sessions.

I hope to see you on April 18th.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Moyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Attachments

April 9, 1968

Mr. Walt Barclay
8353 - 30th Avenue N. W.
Seattle, Washington 98107

Dear Mr. Barclay:

The Board of King County Freeholders will be holding a public forum on April 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the Kent City Hall, to consider views on a personnel system for King County.

The attached outline of questions will be used as a means of directing the discussion at this forum.

Because of your leadership in the King County Employees' Organization, I am sure you would be interested in expressing your views on a personnel system for the County.

If you plan to attend the forum, I would appreciate knowing, so that your name may be included on the roster. If you have any questions regarding the work of the Freeholders, please feel free to contact me.

You might be interested in attending some of the meetings other than the forum on the 18th, and enclosed is a work schedule for the next four weeks. You are welcome to attend any of the sessions.

I hope to see you on April 18th.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Attachments (2)

April 9, 1968

Mr. Leonard Nord, Director of Personnel
State of Washington
General Administration Building
Olympia, Washington 98501

Dear Len:

Since February I have been working with the Board of King County Freeholders in Seattle.

Recalling our conversation some time ago about the future of counties developing good personnel programs, the King County Freeholders are vitally concerned with a strong personnel system for the new charter county. Your experience as a personnel officer for one of the largest State agencies and now your involvement at the policy level places you in a position where your observations would be of the greatest benefit to us in developing a personnel section for the home rule charter.

The Freeholders will be conducting a public forum on April 18th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Kent City Hall, to consider the various proposals for a personnel system. Would you, or perhaps Gail Salisbury of the department, be willing to share with us your views about the strengths and weaknesses of the state civil service program?

If you have any questions about our method of operation, feel free to call me or drop in at our office in the King County Courthouse.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

April 10, 1968

Mr. Peter Danelio
KING Screen, Inc.
320 Aurora Ave. No.
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Danelio:

The enclosed film outline is the kind of treatment which would enhance the educational process of the charter development.

The film, I believe, would provide a dual result. First, it would acquaint the public with the work of the Freeholders and the nature of the deliberative process. Second, on a broader base the other 38 counties would have additional insight to the problems of developing a home rule charter.

I hope through your good office that we will be able to find a sponsor for such a film in the very near future. Also enclosed is a copy of the Freeholders' work schedule through May 4, 1968. These sessions would be a very important part in the filming, and to delay the film and attempt to recreate their mood and spirit would possibly result in a ring of artificiality.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Encl. (2)

April 11, 1968

Mr. Harlan Knudsen, Executive Secretary
Washington State Medical Association
444 Northeast Ravenna Boulevard
Seattle, Washington 98105

Dear Harlan:

As I indicated to you over the telephone the other day, I had been attempting to arrange a meeting between you and the County Medical Examiner with the Board of King County Freeholders. Such a meeting is possible on May 1st, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 402 of the King County Court House.

In fairness to the County Coroner and his Chief Pathologist, we have given them an opportunity to present the other side of the picture. We are giving each of you one-half hour to present your views.

If you have any written material it would be helpful if you would provide this prior to the May 1st meeting, so that I could place it in the Freeholders' hands and give them a chance to study it and ask intelligent questions.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

April 11, 1968

Mr. F. Clarke Brown
King County Extension Agent
Cooperative Extension Service
100 Crockett Street
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your letter outlining the operation of the King County Cooperative Extension Service, and the historical information regarding the development of the extension service in this state. I will be using the material you provided and material which Mrs. Virginia Galle had obtained from her interviews and research in presenting a memo to the Board of King County Freeholders in the near future.

The reason the Freeholders have asked me to delve into the Cooperative Extension Service more carefully is that many of them are not aware of the kinds of services that are being provided; and they simply want to know more about the program.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

April 11, 1968

Mr. Leo M. Sowers
King County Coroner
100 Crockett Street
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Sowers:

As I indicated to you over the telephone recently, the Board of King County Freeholders has tentatively scheduled May 1st for a more detailed presentation by you and your Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Gail Wilson.

The Freeholders have been asked to have material presented to them on a County Medical Examiner similar to the one which is operating in Multnomah County, Oregon. To enable this presentation to be made we have asked Mr. Harlan Knudsen of the State Medical Association, who has been working on this program, to present the views of his organization; and I believe he will have a representative from such a county.

If it is agreeable with you, we will commence with your presentation at 7:30, allowing for half an hour; and following that Mr. Knudsen will have an equal amount of time to present the medical examiner program.

The Freeholders will undoubtedly want to have you remain until approximately 8:30, when they could question you and Mr. Knudsen on the various aspects of the two approaches.

I will be looking forward to meeting you on May 1st. If you have any questions regarding the procedure, please call me.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

PAUL R. MEYER, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

April 12, 1968

Mr. Herb Williams, Personnel Director
Pacific Car & Foundry Company
Renton Division
1400 North Fourth
Renton, Washington 98055

Dear Mr. Williams:

Following up our telephone conversation, the Board of King County Freeholders would appreciate having you or your assistant, Charles Welsh, attend our April 18th Public Forum, which is being held in the Kent City Hall at 7:30 p.m.

As I indicated, the experience provided to us by firms such as yours; and the recruiting, job classification, selection and employee's grievance procedures would be of great value in drafting a personnel section for the Home Rule Charter.

The enclosed list of questions will be a basis for discussion at the April 18th forum. If you feel you would like to make some comment in addition to your own company's policies and procedures, we would be happy to have your additional point of view.

If you have any questions regarding our method of operation, please feel free to call.

I hope to see you or Chuck Welsh at the April 18th forum.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Encl.

cc: Mr. Charles Welsh

April 12, 1968

Mr. T. M. Heggland
3200 Sixth Avenue
San Diego, California 92103

Dear Mr. Heggland:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for meeting with us last Saturday and sharing with us your experiences of many years in the administration of county government.

I don't have to tell you how appreciative the Freeholders were of your presence. The responsiveness last Saturday clearly indicates the group's attitude.

I thought you might like to see what the two major local newspapers did with your remarks. Enclosed are articles from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and the Seattle Times.

We have received your letter listing your expenditures for your trip to Seattle, and have turned it over to the King County auditing department. You should be receiving a check for reimbursement from them shortly.

Again, let me say how valuable your contribution is in assisting us in understanding the problems we will be encountering in preparing a charter for King County.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

Enc.

April 12, 1968

Representative Joe McGavick
4032 Burke Avenue North
Seattle, Washington 98103

Dear Joe:

Because of an oversight, the recent mailings of the Board of King County Freeholders have not reached you. I am enclosing all of the previous mailings which were sent out to the representatives and senators of King County, plus the most recent letter, which would be of the greatest concern to you since it is in regard to a personnel system for King County.

I understand that you and Dave Sprague have been working on a bill to be introduced at the 1969 session. The Freeholders would be most interested in what you have done and would appreciate very much having your views presented at the April 18th forum at the Kent City Hall, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

Because of the strong interest you have in this area, the meeting next Thursday may not provide adequate time for questions and answers; and perhaps we should try to find an additional opportunity for you to meet with the Freeholders to discuss your ideas.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience whether or not you will be able to attend the forum.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosures

April 12, 1968

Mr. Bob McEvoy, Personnel Director
Pacific Northwest Bell Telephone Co.
1200 Third Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. McEvoy:

The Board of King County Freeholders will be conducting a public forum on April 18th in the Kent City Hall, at 7:30 p.m., to discuss a personnel program for King County.

The Freeholders would like to have an opportunity to hear from several of the major employers in the Seattle area. The experience private industry has had, we think, would provide valuable insight into developing a flexible personnel program under the new charter county.

I talked to Roger Stern in your office about the areas we would like discussed. You may wish to talk to him or, bet'er yet, call me at your convenience to let me know if you can attend the forum or provide written material about the operation of the telephone company's program.

There are certain areas we want to consider at the forum; and the enclosed list of questions outlines those areas. If you would like to make comments beyond the scope of your own program and go into those covered in the outline, we would be appreciative of that coverage, also.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience whether you or a representative of your office will be able to attend the forum in Kent next Thursday.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Encl.

April 16, 1968

Hon. Edwin G. Michaelian
County Executive
Westchester County
818 County Office Building
White Plains, New York

Dear Mr. Michaelian:

Thank you for sending copies of the Westchester County Charter and Administrative Code, the County Organization Charts, the 1968 County Budget, and your annual messages and the supplements thereto. They will be most helpful to us in evaluating your experience and drawing upon it in the drafting of a Home Rule Charter for King County.

We appreciated very much your taking the time to meet with us on March 26th during the NACO Regional Meeting. We are grateful that county leaders of your qualifications and experience are willing to share with us your views on county government structure.

We hope we can devise a structure that will be accepted by the people of King County and that will help attract to our county government the caliber of leadership Westchester County has.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

April 16, 1968

Mr. Ralph Stender, Deputy Clerk
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98103

Dear Mr. Stender:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for meeting with us last Wednesday evening.

We are grateful for the help that you have given us in setting up the Freeholders' office, and we look forward to continued good relations with the Auditor's office.

Feel free to make suggestions whenever you desire to the Board of Freeholders on any matters which we are considering.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

April 16, 1968

Mr. Henry Seidel,
Administrative Assistant
Hon. Brock Adams
House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Seidel:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for meeting with us last Wednesday and for the very excellent paper which you presented.

Your comments were very timely, and I am sure that when we continue our deliberations they will be very useful to us.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

April 17, 1968

Hon. Charles O. Carroll
King County Prosecuting Attorney
602 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Carroll:

Thank you for your letter of March 25th, in which you expressed a willingness to meet with the Board of King County Freeholders to discuss the functions of your office.

Mr. Meyer, our Executive Secretary, reports that you or a representative of your office will be available to attend our meeting on May 1st. We will be meeting at 7:30 that evening in Room 402 of the Courthouse for further discussion with the Coroner. We would plan, therefore, to begin discussion of the Prosecutor's functions at 8:30 p.m.

We shall look forward to seeing you on May 1st.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

April 18, 1968

Mr. John Donaho
John Donaho & Associates
10 Light Street
Maryland National Bank Bldg.
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Donaho:

As a follow-up to our telephone conversation on April 12th, this will confirm the Freeholders' request that you meet with them Saturday, May 4th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the King County Courthouse.

For your information, a composite work schedule of the Freeholders is enclosed, which indicates where the emphasis has been placed in terms of orientation and expert witnesses.

By the time you meet with us on May 4th, we will have completed our deliberations on the legislative body, the chief executive, and the personnel system---and will have arrived at tentative conclusions for those sections of the Charter. On May 11th the Freeholders will be considering the establishment of functional departments and whether or not such heads should be elected or appointed.

The value of your experience will be in two main areas: First, the immediate question of establishing departments; and, second, how to best approach the administrative structure to insure professional management.

You will undoubtedly be asked to comment on your recent report on the King County Engineering Department. The report has been released, and articles regarding it have appeared in both of the metropolitan newspapers. The study is certainly germane to the discussion, since the establishment of a public works department is of vital concern to the Freeholders.

As I indicated to you, we are prepared to pay your expenses unless you are able to charge them to another trip.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

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Encl.

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

April 19, 1968

Commissioner W. K. MacCready
Benton County Courthouse
Prosser, Washington 99350

Dear Mac:

Regarding our recent conversation, the Board of King County Freeholders is searching for a sponsor to finance a film on the charter process.

The immediate purpose of the film would be to inform the residents in King County about the process of developing a charter. It would be used in conjunction with the information program prior to the November, 1968 election, when the charter will be presented to the voters. The subject of home rule is such a confused one to the average citizen that a film could provide a tremendous aid.

It would perhaps be of interest to a prospective sponsor to know that a film describing the charter process in King County could provide valuable information to citizens in other counties in this state, as well as in other areas of the country which might be contemplating a charter movement.

As I indicated, I have been reluctant to ask for sponsorship from any of the large corporations in this area because of the possible conflict of interest which might arise. A corporation like the Batelle Institute would be much more desirable from our point of view. In this connection, I hope Mr. Fred Albaugh will have sympathy for the importance of such an undertaking. To do a thorough job and have something which is well done would require in the neighborhood of \$20,000. Unless such a project could be started soon, I feel that the effort should be terminated. To attempt to recreate the deliberative process which is now going on among the King County Freeholders would appear artificial, and most undesirable. To my knowledge, of the approximately 40 county home rule charters that have been written in the United States, this film would be the first of it's kind.

Commissioner W. K. MacCready
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April 19, 1968

I hope our collective efforts will bear some fruit. It could make a big difference in the future of County government in Washington State.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

PAUL R. MEYER, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

April 19, 1968

Hon. John T. O'Brien, Chairman
Board of King County Commissioners
402 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Commissioner O'Brien:

The Board of King County Freeholders requests approval for out of state travel expenses to bring Mr. John Donaho of Baltimore, Maryland to Seattle for a meeting on May 4th.

Mr. Donaho has indicated a possibility that his trip can be charged to his own expenses; however, he will not know this until some time later this month.

It is requested that approval prior to his arrival be granted for a sum not to exceed \$450. Attached hereto is a proposed resolution.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Attachment

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the Board of King County Freeholders wishes to have the expert testimony of an eminent authority in the field of county government, and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Donaho, residing in Baltimore, Maryland, is such an authority in the field of local government, and

WHEREAS, the testimony of Mr. Donaho before the Freeholders will provide a vital input to the knowledge of the Freeholders, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of King County Commissioners approve travel expenses in an amount not to exceed \$450.00 to bring Mr. Donaho to Seattle on May 4, 1968.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:
ROBERT A. MORRIS
Clerk of the Board

Deputy

April 20, 1968

Mr. T. M. Heggland
3200 Sixth Avenue
San Diego, California 92103

Dear Mr. Heggland:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$185.29 to reimburse you for your expenses in traveling to Seattle on April 6th to meet with the Board of King County Freeholders.

Again, many thanks for meeting with the Freeholders and sharing with them your experiences of many years in the administration of county government.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enc.

April 20, 1968

Mr. Kenneth C. Tollenaar
Research Associate
University of Oregon
Bureau of Governmental Research & Service
P. O. Box 3177
Eugene, Oregon 97403

Dear Mr. Tollenaar:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$26.10 to reimburse you for your expenses in traveling to Portland on March 9th to meet with the King County Freeholders. We are sorry that we were not able to send it to you sooner.

Again, thank you for meeting with us and giving us the benefit of your experience in charter development.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Encl.

April 20, 1968

Mr. Orval Etter
2738 Alder
Eugene, Oregon 97405

Dear Mr. Etter:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$13.90 which is reimbursement for your expenses in traveling to Portland on March 9th to meet with the King County Freeholders.

Sorry to be so late in transmitting this to you; and, again, we appreciated your meeting with us.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Encl.

April 22, 1968

Dr. George Condon
Division of Governmental Studies
and Services
Washington State University
Pullman, Washington 99163

Dear George:

I received your letter and was, of course, disappointed to hear that you won't be able to join us on May 4th. I'm sure there will be an opportunity to have you express your views to the Freeholders at a later date.

Perhaps it is best that your involvement wait until we have a substantial part of the Charter drafted. I would like to have your comments on the first draft. I anticipate this will be sometime around June 1st.

If you are in the Seattle area before then, I would certainly like to talk to you and go over some of the things that we have been working on the past several years.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

GOVERNORS' COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION
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JOHN BELL WILLIAMS
Mississippi

April 18, 1968

Dear Paul:

Monday when you called I was fresh back from an out-of-town trip, and unaware of all of the complications ahead in the next few weeks. At any rate, many have developed--including, as of yesterday, the Governor's interest in a report from this Committee in the next few weeks, plus another major development which you'll be reading about in the newspapers in the next week or so. To add to this, yesterday I received a letter from the national president of ATO Fraternity (remember?) to the effect that he plans to be in the Pullman-Moscow area the week-end of May 4, and is expecting me to be host, taxi driver, etc.

The upshot of all this is that I feel I must ask you to excuse me from the May 4 date with you. You know my interest in the charter movement in King County, and how much I would like an opportunity at least to become better acquainted with it. But I would want to prepare properly for you, and I just don't see the time in sight between now and then to do so.

If you will agree to this, perhaps another opportunity would come along during the summer. I expect to be here in Pullman this summer on other matters, which may involve my going over your way fairly often. Thus a "date" then would come after (hopefully) some of the present burdens have been removed.

I hate to ask you to allow me to do this, yet I think you know me well enough that I wouldn't change plans without good reasons.

Sincerely yours,



George A. Condon phd

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April 23, 1968

Mr. John Donaho
John Donaho & Associates
10 Light Street
Maryland National Bank Bldg.
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Donaho:

As a follow-up to our telephone conversations on April 12th and April 22nd, this will confirm the Freeholders request that you meet with them on Friday, May 3rd, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse.

The purpose of having you come before the Freeholders is to give the Board an opportunity to hear your experience first-hand regarding the home rule charters on which you have worked in various parts of the country.

As I indicated to you, we have come to tentative conclusions that the legislative body should be composed of nine full-time members, nominated and elected by district on a partisan basis. Tentative conclusions have also been made regarding the office of the chief executive, who the board feels should be elected at-large on a partisan basis with a requirement for a professional administrative officer designated in the Charter.

By the time you arrive on May 3rd, the Freeholders will have also deliberated on the personnel system. Your report to the Board of King County Commissioners regarding the establishment of a public works department has been made available to the Freeholders, and they will be familiar with it's contents before you arrive.

The concern for setting up departments will be an area for deliberation the week following your visit. Any comments you might wish to make in this area will be well-received.

Judging from our previous orientation sessions, I think an honest give-and-take discussion with you will be possible. We have looked into the Baltimore County Charter in some detail, and your comments in this area might be of interest, also---particularly

Mr. John Donaho
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the relationship between the elected executive and the county administrator, and how appointments are actually made.

The distinction between line and staff offices is one which has been of concern to the Freeholders. The question has turned on whether a distinction should be made in the Charter between line and staff officers, and whether the appointments and the removal of such officers should go beyond the executive power.

Prior approval of your trip here is needed by the Board of King County Commissioners because of the arrangement in the financing of the Freeholders' activities.

A letter from you, indicating your acceptance of this invitation would be appreciated at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

April 30, 1968

Hon. Morell E. Sharp, Judge
King County Superior Court
738 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Judge Sharp:

Confirming our recent telephone conversation, the Board of King County Freeholders would welcome the recommendation of your committee concerning aspects of a home rule charter affecting the Superior Courts.

If you like, we can arrange for you or another representative to meet with the entire Board of Freeholders. If you prefer, Paul Meyer, our executive secretary, and I would be happy to meet with you or your committee at your convenience, perhaps over lunch.

If you have any questions concerning our activities or deliberations to date, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman

RRA:hg

April 30, 1968

Mrs. Helen Geisness, Executive Secretary
Seattle-King County Bar Association
Arctic Building
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Helen:

As you know, the Board of King County Freeholders is deliberating on provisions to be included in a home rule charter to be proposed to the voters of King County. Among the offices of interest to our group is that of the County Clerk, whose duties consist almost entirely of serving as ex officio clerk of the Superior Court.

The Freeholders have been reminded that attorneys have more contact with the clerk than any other segment of the population. We would, therefore, appreciate knowing any views that the bar associations may have concerning the office of county clerk, the functions and duties of the office, and the means of choosing the clerk.

Would you please pass this letter on to the appropriate committee or section of the Bar Association for their consideration. If anyone would like to discuss with us some of the suggestions we have received from others, we would be happy to meet with them.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman

RRA:hg

April 30, 1968

Mr. John Tennant, General Manager
King County Water District #97
16049 N. E. 8th St.
Bellevue, Washington 98004

Dear Mr. Tennant:

Thank you for your letter expressing interest in the work of the Freeholders.

Several special districts have requested an opportunity to present their views at a meeting with the Freeholders. We have, therefore, scheduled a meeting for May 14th, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse, to give the Freeholders an opportunity to hear comments from representatives of the special districts in King County.

If you wish to speak at a meeting and present any additional material, we would be happy to have you do so. In order to give each organization an equal opportunity, we would like to have you let us know if you will attend the meeting. Please contact Mr. Paul Meyer, our executive Secretary, at Ma 3-5556, or call me at MU 2-8770, if you wish to speak.

We look forward to seeing you on May 14th.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman

RRA:hg

April 30, 1968

Mr. Lowell E. Leckenby, Chairman
Cascade Sewer District
17028 - 116th Southeast
Renton, Washington 98055

Dear Mr. Leckenby:

Thank you for your letter expressing your views about the work of the Board of King County Freeholders.

Several special districts have requested an opportunity to present their views at a meeting with the Freeholders. We have selected May 14th, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse, as the time the districts may have this opportunity.)

If you wish to speak at a meeting and present any additional material, we would be happy to have you do so. In order to give each organization an equal opportunity, we would like to have you let us know if you will attend the meeting. Please contact Paul Meyer, our executive secretary, at MA 3-5556, or call me at MU 2-8770, if you wish to speak.

We look forward to seeing you on May 14th.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman

RRA:hg

April 30, 1968

Mr. Sam Macri, Jr., Manager
King County Water District No. 107
5650 - 119th Avenue Southeast
Bellevue, Washington 98004

Dear Mr. Macri:

Thank you for your letter expressing interest in the work of the Board of King County Freeholders.

Several special districts have requested an opportunity to present their views at a meeting with the Freeholders. We have, therefore, scheduled a meeting for May 14th, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 402, of the King County Courthouse, to give the Freeholders an opportunity to hear comments from representatives of the special districts in King County.

If you wish to speak at a meeting and present any additional material, we would be happy to have you do so. In order to give each organization an equal opportunity, we would like to have you let us know if you will attend the meeting. Please contact Paul Meyer, our executive secretary, at MA 3-5556, or call me at MU 2-8770, if you wish to speak.

We look forward to seeing you on May 14th.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman

RRA:hg

April 30, 1968

Mr. D. R. Wilson, Administrator
Bellevue Sewer District
P. O. Box 70
Bellevue, Washington 98004

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thank you for your letter expressing interest in the work of the Freeholders.

Several special districts have requested an opportunity to present their views at a meeting with the Freeholders. We have, therefore, scheduled a meeting for May 14th, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse, to give the Freeholders an opportunity to hear comments from representatives of the special districts in King County.

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We look forward to seeing you on May 14th.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman

RRA:hg

April 30, 1968

Mr. Peter B. Gulick, Secretary
Newport Hills Sewer District
5650 - 119th Avenue S. E.
Bellevue, Washington 98004

Dear Mr. Gulick:

Thank you for your letter expressing interest in the work of the Freeholders.

Several special districts have requested an opportunity to present their views at a meeting with the Freeholders. We have, therefore, scheduled a meeting for May 14th, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 202 of the King County Courthouse, to give the Freeholders an opportunity to hear comments from representatives of the special districts in King County.

If you wish to speak at a meeting and present any additional material, we would be happy to have you do so. In order to give each organization an equal opportunity, we would like to have you let us know if you will attend the meeting. Please contact Paul Meyer, our executive secretary, at MA 3-5556, or call me at MU 2-8770, if you wish to speak.

We look forward to seeing you on May 14th.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman

RRA:hg

April 30, 1968

Mr. Edward D. Miller
King County Water District #68
P. O. Box 487
Bellevue, Washington 98004

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your letter expressing your desire to appear before the Board of Freeholders.

Several special districts have requested an opportunity to speak to the Freeholders. We are holding an orientation meeting on May 14th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse, for the purpose of hearing from the special districts in King County.

In order that each speaker may have an equal opportunity to present his views, we would like to have you limit your remarks to approximately 15 minutes. If you have written material, it would be helpful if the Freeholders could have it prior to the meeting.

We look forward to meeting with you on May 14th.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman

RRA:hg

KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

402 KING COUNTY COURT HOUSE
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104

RALPH R. STENDER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

May 1, 1968

Mr. Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary
Board of King County Freeholders
B U I L D I N G

Dear Sir:

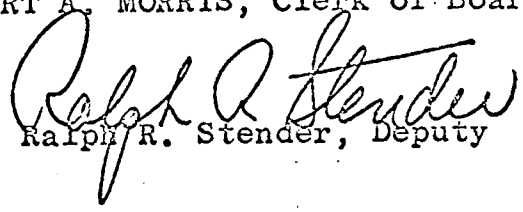
The Board of County Commissioners in regular session on April 29, 1968 approved the request of the Board of Freeholders to bring Mr. John Donaho of Baltimore, Maryland to Seattle for a meeting on May 4, 1968, providing his expenses be paid out of the Budget of the King County Freeholders.

This sum is to be granted by Resolution declaring an emergency and granting funds for the operation of the Freeholders.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ROBERT A. MORRIS, Clerk of Board

RRS:ng

By:  Ralph R. Stender, Deputy

March 12, 1968

Mr. Don Bonker, Auditor
Clark County Court House
Vancouver, Washington 98660

Dear Don:

In response to your letter of March 4th, it caught me at a time when we're right in the midst of preparing for a public forum; and I won't be able to send the information you requested for a couple of weeks.

Some of the material that I'm going to recommend to you in a subsequent letter is on file in the office of the Association of County Commissioners. I am enclosing a copy of the bibliography prepared about two years ago, which will give you a start.

If you have an opportunity to come to Seattle, please come in and we can cover some of the ground which we have been over here.

Very sincerely,

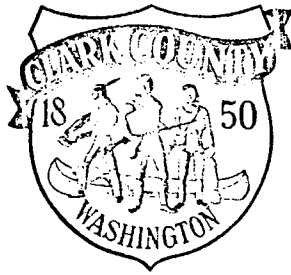
BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Encl.

DON BONKER
AUDITOR



D. V. YADEN
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CHIEF DEPUTY
DEAN COLE
Supervisor of Elections -
Auto Licenses

CLARK COUNTY COURT HOUSE

VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON 98660

OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR

March 4, 1968

Mr. Paul E. Meyers, Executive Secretary
County Board of Freeholders
King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington

Dear Paul:

The Home Rule concept has caught on in Clark County. Presently we are undergoing a study as to the feasibility of a Home Rule Charter in this county. I wonder if you may be able to send me material that may be valuable in furthering this study.

I hope this will not pose any inconvenience to you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Don Bonker
Clark County Auditor

DB:vk

May 3, 1968

Mr. Don Bonker, Auditor
Clark County Courthouse
Vancouver, Washington 98660

Dear Don:

A representative of the State Grange, Mr. Marion Newkirk, dropped into our office in regard to an inquiry from the Clark County Grange, which apparently is studying the home rule process. I told Mr. Newkirk that I have been in touch with you and that in order to avoid duplication I was working through you as an information clearing house.

Admittedly, precious little information has flowed from this office, and I hope we can improve on this as time goes on.

I am including with this letter some of the letters and other related working material which we have been using in connection with our deliberations.

I feel somewhat lost because of lack of understanding of what you people are doing in Clark County. If I had an idea of the approach you are using, I might be more responsive to your needs.

If this office can be of any assistance, we would be happy to do so.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary

PM:hg

May 3, 1968

Office of the County Executive
Milwaukee County
Milwaukee County Courthouse
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

The Board of King County Freeholders is in the process of gathering information for and deliberating on the preparation of a home rule charter for King County.

We would appreciate your forwarding to us at your earliest convenience a copy of the Milwaukee County Charter, together with any amendments that have been made and any other pertinent material---such as the opinion of the Supreme Court regarding the veto power of the chief executive.

If there is any charge for this material, please let us know and we will be happy to take care of it.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary

PM:hg

May 3, 1968

Office of the County Executive
Duvall County
Duvall County Courthouse
Jacksonville, Fla.

Gentlemen:

The Board of King County Freeholders is in the process of gathering information for and deliberating on the preparation of a home rule charter for King County.

We would appreciate your forwarding to us at your earliest convenience a copy of the Duvall County Charter, together with any amendments that have been made and any other pertinent material.

If there is any charge for this material, please let us know and we will be happy to take care of it.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary

PM:hg

May 3, 1968

Mr. Dick Welch, Chairman
Board of Snohomish County Freeholders
2404 - 148th S. W.
Alderwood Manor, Washington 98036

Dear Dick:

When Dick Albrecht and I last met with you, I think we indicated that we were in the process of dividing the subject matter into functional areas beginning with the legislative body, the personnel system, and the departments of county government.

We are about to complete the orientation, public forum, and deliberation phases, and will begin intensive drafting following our May 18th deliberative session.

I am enclosing a copy of our past and future work schedule along with copies of question outlines, deliberative session work sheets, and various letters which have been sent out to the community from this office. You may find these materials a helpful tool in preparing your own work.

If you have any questions on any of the materials, please give us a call.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary

PM:hg

Enclosures

May 8, 1968

Mr. Richard Poff, Executive Secretary
Washington State Association of Water Districts
1818 Westlake North
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Poff:

Enclosed is a letter which was mailed out to the King County special fire, water and sewer districts recently. The Board of King County Freeholders has scheduled a meeting Tuesday, May 14th, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse, to provide an opportunity for the districts to present their views to the Board on any proposals which they feel should be included in the Charter.

We would welcome the same kind of suggestions from your vantage point. Perhaps you can cross the barrier of jurisdictions, and help us to see the special districts in a broader perspective. If you would like to speak next Tuesday, please let me know so that we may include you on the agenda. I may be reached by phone at MA 3-5556.

I am also enclosing a composite work sheet, which indicates the areas in which the Freeholders have involved themselves since their first organizational meeting in December.

We hope to see you at next Tuesday's meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosures

May 8, 1968

Mr. W. Ed Garner, Executive Secretary
Washington State Association of Fire Districts
P. O. Box 134
Olympia, Washington 98501

Dear Ed:

Through a phone call this morning from Mr. Bob Ely of King County Special Fire District #14, I learned of your interest in the Board of King County Freeholders' meeting next Tuesday evening, May 14th, for the purpose of hearing the views of King County's special districts regarding the proposed home rule charter. Therefore, I am making haste to contact you personally to express our appreciation of the fact that you plan to appear before the Freeholders at this meeting to express your views to them.

We certainly welcome any suggestions from your vantage point. Perhaps you can cross the barrier of jurisdictions, and help us to see the special districts in a broader perspective. If you have any written material regarding your remarks, we would appreciate receiving copies of it for the Freeholders before next Tuesday.

I am enclosing a letter which was mailed out to the special districts in King County last week, and also a composite work sheet, which indicates the areas in which the Freeholders have involved themselves since their first organizational meeting in December.

We hope to see you at next Tuesday's meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosures

May 8, 1968

Washington State Association of Sewer Districts
Mr. Richard Murray, Executive Secretary
P. O. Box 25635
Seattle, Washington 98125

Dear Mr. Murray:

Enclosed is a letter which was mailed out to the King County special fire, water and sewer districts recently. The Board of King County Freeholders has scheduled a meeting Tuesday, May 14th, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse, to provide an opportunity for the districts to present their views to the Board on any proposals which they feel should be included in the Charter.

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Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

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May 8, 1968

David G. Sprague, Representative
37th District - State of Washington
806 35th Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98122

Dear Representative Sprague:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for your letter expressing your thoughts about what should be included in the Charter.

As you no doubt have read, the Board has reached a tentative conclusion that the chief executive should be elected at-large and that the Charter should provide for a professional administrator under the executive.

We have also deliberated regarding a personnel system, and have concluded that a system based on merit should be included in the Charter. We have also concluded that the legislative body should be nominated and elected by district. The number we have agreed upon is nine, which would be based upon approximately 150,000 people per district.

We anticipate having a working draft by June 8th. When this has been completed, copies of the draft will be mailed out to those of you who have received notice of our previous activities.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman

RRA:hg

A G E N D A

ORIENTATION - KING COUNTY SPECIAL

DISTRICTS - May 14, 1968

1. Mr. Cartano and Mr. Miller, representing Spec. Water District #68.
2. Water District #100, Mr. Bill Martin, Supt.
3. Sewer Districts #90 and #111, represented By Mr. Don Holm, Attorney.
4. Lake Ridge-Bryn Mawr Sewer District, Mr. Dearwood.
5. Cascade Sewer District, Mr. Lowell V. Leckenby
6. Lake Haven Sewer District, Mr. Ivan Day
7. Newport Hills Sewer District, Mr. Fred Crawford, Gen'l Mgr.
8. Mr. Dick Murray, Exec. Sec'y of Wash. State Assoc. of Sewer Districts.
9. Mr. Ed Garner, Exec. Sec'y of Wash. State Fire Commissioners Association.
10. Mr. Bob Ely, Fire District #14
11. Mr. Merritt, Past President, King County Fire District Assoc.
12. Fire District #5, King County.

May 24, 1968

Mr. John Donaho
John Donaho & Associates
10 Light Street
Maryland National Bank Bldg.
Baltimore, Maryland, 21202

Dear Mr. Donaho:

As a follow-up to our telephone conversation earlier this week, the Board of King County Freeholders will honor your submission of expenses either by per diem amount or by individual items; whichever you might choose to use. Because of budget limitations placed on us by the Board of King County Commissioners until May 13th, we are authorized to pay only your expenses for the trip you made to meet with us on May 3rd. A letter addressed to myself indicating your expenses is sufficient for purposes of reimbursement.

As of May 13th the Board of Freeholders does have its own budget, and it is our intention to make an offer to retain you in your consulting capacity for the purpose of reviewing the initial draft of the Charter, which will be ready approximately June 3rd.

We should discuss with you the amount of your consulting fee prior to sending you the draft. If you could give me some idea of what this would entail prior to our next Freeholder meeting, which will be on June 8th, we could move ahead with an agreement.

Attached is a copy of the article by Jerry Bergsman of the Seattle Times, covering the meeting on May 3rd; and also copies of recent clippings of newspaper articles regarding the Freeholders' activities.

I think you might be interested in knowing that as a result of your appearing before the Freeholders, at least one Freeholder who was advocating the appointed manager switched to an elected executive. The impact of your other suggestions have not as yet been felt, but I suspect they will be during the June 8th review of the first draft.

Let me add my thanks to that of Chairman Albrecht for your meeting with us, and for your timely comments.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Attachments

May 27, 1968

Mr. Eugene Nickerson
County, Executive, Nassau County
Nassau County Courthouse
Mineola, New York 11501

Dear Mr. Nickerson:

The Board of King County Freeholders is in the process of preparing a home rule charter to be submitted to the voters in November of 1968.

We have read with interest the developments in Nassau County regarding the office of "Ombudsman". An article in the New York Times, dated December 3, 1967, indicates that the charter amendment was defeated.

The Board would be interested in having a copy of the proposed Charter amendment and any other pertinent information which might indicate why the amendment failed---if, in fact, it did fail.

I have just received a copy of the May issue of "The Annals" of The American Academy of Political and Social Science, and am surprised to discover that no article was written regarding a complaint office for counties, anticipating that at least your experience in Nassau County would have been reported.

Any information which you think might be helpful in our Charter efforts in regard to a citizen's complaint office would be very much appreciated.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

May 27, 1968

Mr. M. A. Butcher, County Manager
Montgomery County, Maryland
County Office Building
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mr. Butcher:

The Board of King County Freeholders is in the process of developing a Charter to be presented to the citizens of King County on the November, 1968 ballot.

We have secondary information about Montgomery County; and would appreciate having a copy of your Charter. In particular, we are interested in the two areas of your administration which concern your personnel program and your method of handling zoning changes.

Any pertinent information in addition to what is contained in the Charter would be very much appreciated.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

May 28, 1968

Mrs. Barbara Wilcox, Director
Inter-Governmental Coordination Commission
Office of the Governor
Salem, Oregon 97310

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

Am returning---at long last---your scrapbook covering the Washington County Charter movement. Many thanks for allowing us to use it; and it has proven to be very helpful in our analyzation of the phases we can expect to go through in our own King County Charter movement.

Attached is a copy of a progress report of the Board of King County Freeholders. It is, of course, a highly-condensed version of all that has actually transpired; but will serve to bring you up to date on our activities. As indicated on page 3 of the report, The Freeholders' legal counsel and myself are writing a working draft of the Charter, to be presented to the Freeholders on June 8th.

Thank you again, both for the trip you made to meet with us and for the use of your scrapbook.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Attachment

May 31, 1968

Mr. Albert H. Crosetti,
Associate Planning Analyst
City of Seattle Planning Dept.
Municipal Building
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Crosetti:

Regarding the telephone conversation last week between Mr. Raj Joshi and yourself, the Board of King County Freeholders would appreciate your cooperation in providing us with the current population data in connection with the establishment of legislative districts under the proposed Home Rule Charter.

Mr. John Walker of the State Department of Community & Urban Affairs, has indicated to me that he will provide the necessary population data to your office prior to the official release date of June 15th, so that we might begin using it for the district analysis.

The Board will be considering contracting with Mr. Joshi for this analysis, and Mr. Walker has indicated that he is willing to provide Mr. Joshi with the advance data, assuming that he is retained by this office.

If you have any questions regarding the arrangement for obtaining the population data, please give me a call.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

May 31, 1968

Mr. Irv Berteig, Principal Planner
KING COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT
309 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Berteig:

Regarding the telephone conversation last week between Mr. Raj Joshi and yourself, the Board of King County Freeholders would appreciate your cooperation in providing us with the current population data in connection with the establishment of legislative districts under the proposed Home Rule Charter.

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Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

June 5, 1968

Mr. Allen Moore, Research Director
National Association of Counties
1001 Connecticut Avenue N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Allen:

I have come across a reference to a publication under your authorship entitled "Home Rule Charter Counties", dated April, 1968.

Since we are in the final stage of drafting the home rule charter for King County, Washington, I would appreciate having you forward to us a copy of this publication, as it might uncover something we haven't as yet considered.

I was disappointed that you were not able to attend the Western Region meeting last March, and hope that at some time in the very near future we might be able to get together.

We have a very hard-working Board of Freeholders, who have been meeting twice a week since January. This week we are going over the first draft which the attorney and I have been working on for the past three weeks. We hope to have the King County Home Rule Charter on the November, 1968 ballot. After we have a draft which appears to be settled, I will send you a copy.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

June 5, 1968

Mr. W. N. Cassella, Jr.,
Assistant Director
National Municipal League
Carl H. Pforzheimer Building
47 East 68th Street
New York, N. Y. 10021

Dear Mr. Cassella:

Mr. Walter Davis, of the Seattle-King County Municipal League, telephoned you to determine whether you would be available to meet with the 15-member Board of King County Freeholders on the evening of June 12th. In my conversation with Mr. Davis, he indicated that you would be leaving New York for the West Coast on June 7th, and that we should send you a copy of the rough draft which we will be reviewing at our meeting on Saturday, June 8th.

The enclosed draft represents tentative decisions made by the Board on major issues on which they have deliberated over the past three months. A number of areas, such as the arrangements of departments and offices, represent staff work and are not yet the consensus of the Board. For that reason I would caution you in reading the draft to take the tentative status of these considerations into account.

Assuming that you will be able to meet with us on June 12th, it would be beneficial if we could meet together for an hour or so on June 12th before meeting with the group as a whole. At this time I, and perhaps our attorney, John Strasburger, and the Chairman of the Board, Richard Albrecht, could fill you in on any changes made after the meeting on June 8th.

If you have any questions regarding the draft, please feel free to contact me by phone, collect, at either of the numbers indicated on the enclosed card.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosures

June 5, 1968

Mr. James Curran
213 Fourth Avenue South
Kent, Washington 98031

Dear Jim:

In connection with the article written by John Fournier on May 26th, which appeared in the various county newspapers, entitled "The King County Sugar Plum Tree", I have gathered together information on salaries which you may use in your reply to Mr. Fournier's article.

When I presented data on selected home rule counties regarding legislative body characteristics, I indicated that Multnomah County was the only county of the major metropolitan home rule counties which had a full-time legislative body. Of the 11 counties surveyed, Multnomah was the high county, with an \$18,000 annual salary for the members of the Board, and \$22,500 for the chairman. The other counties have only part-time boards whose salaries are substantially lower.

I think the approach which would be most effective in countering Fournier's article would be to say that King County, with a population of 1,200,000, is larger than fifteen of our states. I am enclosing a list of those states, along with population and salary figures for each as of 1960.

Also worthy of mention is the fact that five states (not among the fifteen on the list) which hold annual sessions of the legislature, pay their legislators the following: New Jersey, \$15,000; Massachusetts, \$16,800; Pennsylvania, \$24,000; New York, \$24,000; Michigan, \$25,000. Fournier's article implied that the executive's salary was exorbitant.

Listed below are the population and elected executives' salaries figures of four counties:

<u>County</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Executive's Salary</u>
Westchester County, N.Y.	900,000	\$40,950
Duval County, Fla.	455,000	30,000
San Francisco Cty, Calif.	740,000	38,365
Davidson County, Tenn.	463,000	25,000

Mr. James Curran
Page Two

June 5, 1968

I already mentioned on the phone that the Seattle city councilmen receive \$15,000 annually.

This represents the latest data which is available through our office and secondary library sources.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosure

Population and governors' salaries of fifteen states whose populations are equal to or less than that of King County, which has a population of approximately 1,200,000:

<u>State</u>	<u>1960 Population</u>	<u>Governor's Salary</u>
Alaska	226,000	\$27,500
Delaware	446,000	25,000
Hawaii	632,000	33,500
Idaho	667,000	17,500
Maine	969,000	20,000
Montana	674,000	23,250
Nevada	285,000	25,000
New Hampshire	603,000	30,000
New Mexico	951,000	17,500
North Dakota	632,000	10,000
Rhode Island	859,000	25,000
South Dakota	680,000	18,000
Utah	890,000	18,000
Vermont	389,000	25,000
Wyoming	330,000	20,000

June 5, 1968

Mr. Theo. Damm
516 James Street
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Damm:

In connection with our telephone conversation on Tuesday, Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman of the Board of King County Freeholders, will be available to speak before the Knights of the Round Table at the luncheon at the Washington Athletic Club on June 12th, beginning at 12:00 noon.

If you wish to contact Mr. Albrecht directly to obtain any further information, he can be reached at MU 2-8770.

The Board is pleased to have this opportunity to present their work before your organization.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

June 5, 1968

Mr. John Donaho
John Donaho & Associates
Maryland National Bank Bldg.
10 Light Street
Baltimore, Md. 21202

Dear Mr. Donaho:

Enclosed is a copy of the first draft of the proposed home rule charter for King County, based upon the conclusions reached by the Freeholders during their deliberations over the past four months.

As I indicated to you in our telephone discussion today, the Board will be meeting this coming Saturday, June 8th, to consider the draft and make minor revisions. I anticipate that the Board will need two or possibly three sessions to review the draft, and have scheduled follow-up meetings on June 15th and 18th.

I am looking forward to hearing from you regarding a firm proposal. Assuming the Board accepts your proposal on June 8th, they would expect to have your critique by June 18th.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosures

1. P. 2 - Sec. 220.20 - Requested that this section include a provision which clearly indicates that the legislative branch set tax rates and makes appropriations and establishes the budget.
2. P. 4 - Sec. 230.20 - Exempt to Veto - Change the number of legislative body votes required to over-ride an executive veto from 7 to 6.
3. P. 8 - Sec. 320.20 - Request that amendment be included to give to elected executive the responsibility as chief peace officer of the county to insure that the one elected office holder is the elected commander-in-chief.
4. P. 11 - Sec. 350-10-30 - Requested that office of data processing be changed to office of central services to broaden the area of responsibility to include functions which may be assigned, such as central record keeping.
5. P. 11 - Sec. 350 - After the word "include" insert "may not limited to" . . .
6. P. 13 - Sec. 350.20.70 - Change Department of Planning and Zoning to Department of Zoning and Development. Include in responsibility area of Planning & Development capital improvement programming.
7. P. 16 - Sec. 420.20.32 - Redistricting committee - Provide that two members of redistricting committee be appointed from the Republican Central Committee and that two members be appointed from the Democratic Central Committee, the fifth member to be selected by the county chief executive.

8. P. 18 - Sec. 520 - Personnel Director - Indicate the appointment of a personnel director shall be by the chief administrative officer. Indicate personnel director shall be responsible for collective bargaining.
9. P. 22 - Section 570 - Strike the phrase "in a position covered by the personnel system" to clearly indicate that no county employees shall be allowed to participate in political activity.
10. P. 23 - Section 610 - Increase Board of Appeals from 3 to 5 members.
11. P. 33 - Add new section specifying the method by which the Charter may be amended to include petition method by the people.
12. P. 23 - Request that new section be added stating that the office of Prosecuting Attorney and Judges will remain as provided by general law.

June 18, 1969

Mr. Ed Logan, Superintendent
King County Election Department
220 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Logan:

This is to advise you that it is the intent of the Board of King County Freeholders to place the Charter on the November, 1968, general election ballot for adoption.

As you indicated in our previous discussion, the law requires that propositions be submitted to your office no later than 45 days prior to the date of election, which would be September 20, 1968. The time table for the Board of Freeholders tentatively provides for September 4th as the date for final adoption of the Charter, which will allow the Board of King County Commissioners sufficient time to prepare and adopt a resolution making the Charter a proposition on the November ballot.

The 21st Amendment provides that if the Charter receives a majority vote, the new government must be established within six months after adoption. In accordance with our earlier discussion, included in the preliminary draft of the Charter is a provision that upon adoption by the voters, a special primary election will be held on February 11, 1969, and a runoff on March 11, 1969 for the County Executive, County Assessor, and County Commissioner positions.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEMOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Comm. O'Brien
Comm. Munro
Comm. Spellman

MEMORANDUM

June 19, 1968

TO: John Donaho

FROM: Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary
BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

SUBJECT: Proposed Changes to First Draft of Charter

Additional changes to the first draft of the Charter which were discussed at last night's meeting, are herewith provided. The Board will be meeting again Thursday, June 20th, to discuss redistricting machinery and other sundry changes which have not as yet been discussed by individual Freeholders.

The possible meeting dates between the Board and yourself will be discussed at Thursday evening's meeting. Chairman Albrecht intends to propose a meeting with you on either Wednesday, June 26th, at 7:30 p.m., or Friday, June 28th, sometime around noon or that evening.

It will be suggested to the Board that any recommendations you make be incorporated in the draft prior to public release of the draft. It is likely that the July 9th tentative hearing will be delayed until Wednesday, July 17th.

You will be receiving shortly a letter of agreement signed by the Chairman. We have been advised by the County Administrator that such an arrangement is appropriate in lieu of a formal resolution by the Board of County Commissioners.

June 20, 1968

Mrs. Elizabeth Joiner
c/o Director of Training
Cook County Hospital
1825 W. Harrison Street
Chicago, Illinois 60612

Dear Mrs. Joiner:

Thank you for your letter of inquiry of June 17th, regarding the activities of the King County Freeholders.

The Board is in its final stages of going over the first draft prior to release to the public. We estimate that the draft will be available approximately July 1, and at that time we will mail you a copy.

The Board is still contemplating the Charter on the November, 1968 ballot, and we will be conducting a number of public hearings during the month of July and will be further deliberating on the Charter in August.

When you receive the Charter, any comments that you may have would be sincerely appreciated.

Enclosed are copies of recent news items regarding the Freeholders' activities.

We do not anticipate taking any further trips before the Charter is presented to the public.

It was nice hearing from you, and best of luck on your doctorate.

Very sincerely,
BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosures

COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL

1825 WEST HARRISON STREET
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60612CARL A. MEYER, M.D.
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CHAIRMAN, HOSPITAL COMMITTEEHickory Road
Lemont, Illinois
June 17, 1968Mr. Paul Meyer
Executive Secretary
King County Freeholders
County Building
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Meyer:

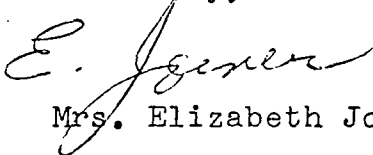
It is with great regret that I must write and ask you to send me information regarding the drafting of your charter and its public acceptance up to the November election. I would so much rather be attending your meetings in person! My class (Central Washington State Colleg, Ellensburg) and I found the deliberations of the freeholders most worthwhile.

I have returned to Chicago to finish working on my doctorate. I am currently working with the Director of Training at our county hospital. Many of our county problems are similar to yours.

I would really be grateful to you for any clippings or memos or copies of agendas or summaries of meetings that you have or will be printing regarding the King County charter. I am making county government the theme of my thesis and want to use King County in my writing. Please send all material to the above address. Also any bills such mailings may incur.

Should you or any of the Freeholders have occasion to fly to Chicago, please feel free to call on me for any aid I can give. It was a pleasure to have met you. Best wishes in all your endeavors.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Elizabeth Joiner

June 21, 1968

Mrs. Harold M. Mozer, Chairman
King County Program Committee
Puget Sound League of Women Voters
1402 - 18th Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98122

Dear Mrs. Mozer:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for the written presentation which you and your King County Program committee submitted to us. Your letter and the statement were given to the members of the Board at our June 18th meeting.

After reading your committee's stated principles, it appears that the draft Charter which the Board now has before it is in agreement with all of the points in your statement; and we therefore hope your organization will support it's passage.

We expect that copies of the draft charter will be available for public distribution sometime around the first of July, and sufficient copies will be sent to you for you to make available to your committee for further study.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM/hg

June 21, 1968

Mr. R. N. Joshi
Urban Planning Consultant
1714 N. E. 58th Street
Seattle, Washington 98105

Dear Mr. Joshi:

The Board of King County Freeholders has voted to retain you to prepare and present a proposal for the first county commissioner districts to be included in the charter being drafted by the Freeholders. In accordance with your conversation with Mr. Paul Meyer, our executive secretary, you are requested to divide the county into nine districts based on the general guidelines specified in the preliminary draft of the charter:

The committee in reviewing district boundaries shall consider geographic and economic units, municipal and election precinct boundaries and shall use all available data and sources of information indicating the nature and location of the population of the county in order to produce districts which are approximately equal in population and composed of natural geographic units. All district boundaries shall follow, as nearly as practical, the boundaries of established census tracts.

You are also requested to prepare alternate proposals for dividing the county into five and seven districts. Each proposal should refer to or be accompanied by its supporting data.

Your services will be compensated on the basis of \$20 per hour for the number of hours spent by you on this contract with the understanding that your total compensation will not exceed \$800, regardless of the actual number of hours required to complete the contract.

The Board has requested that your proposals be ready for presentation by July 3rd, with the understanding that Mr. Paul Meyer may agree to reasonable extensions if you should have any difficulty in obtaining necessary information to prepare your proposals. After your written proposals have been submitted, it is anticipated that

the Board of Freeholders will request a meeting with you to discuss and evaluate the proposed district boundaries.

Please indicate your acceptance of this agreement by signing the copy of this letter and returning it to the Freeholders' office.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM/hg

Signature

Date

June 21, 1968

Mr. John Donaho, President
John Donaho & Associates
Maryland National Bank Building
10 Light Street - Suite 320
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Donaho:

The Board of King County Freeholders on June 15, 1968, voted to retain you to examine and present your recommendations concerning the preliminary draft of the county charter which has been prepared by the staff and currently being evaluated by the Board.

In accordance with your conversation with Mr. Paul Meyer, our executive secretary, it is understood that you will spend approximately three days with Mr. John Strasburger, the Board's attorney, and Mr. Paul Meyer in evaluating the preliminary draft, and that, if requested, you will present your written and oral recommendations to the Board. These recommendations would consist of your suggestions concerning those portions of the preliminary draft which should be deleted or revised and additional subjects which you believe should be included in the Charter. However, it is understood that this agreement does not include an obligation on your part to rewrite all or any part of the preliminary draft. Our office will provide any secretarial services which you may need to prepare your written report to the Board.

In exchange for your services, you will be paid \$1,745.00, which includes your expenses for travel, room and board.

Please indicate your acceptance of this agreement by signing the copy of this letter and returning it to the Freeholders' office.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM/hg

Signature

Date

June 24, 1968

Mr. Phil Strawn, Executive Director
Washington State Research Council
1069 Capitol Way
Olympia, Washington 98501

Dear Phil:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for the invitation to attend the annual meeting of the Research Council and to hear Dr. Alfred Neal from the Committee for Economic Development.

Mr. Neal's remarks were most enlightening, and his comments about the need for strong leadership in local government certainly follow along the lines of the kind of changes which need to be made in county government.

I hope you will be able to obtain a copy of Mr. Neal's speech for our use as soon as possible. We would also like to have two copies of your newly published handbook. If there is a charge, please bill us directly.

The Board anticipates having a copy of the draft Charter for public distribution around the second week of July. We will include you in our mailing of the first draft.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

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Welcome and Introduction of
Special Guests..... William M. Jenkins

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Dr. Neal is president of the Committee for Economic Development, New York City. CED is a national organization dedicated to the preservation and strengthening of America's free society and to the development of greater economic stability and opportunity for all people.

Closing Remarks..... William M. Jenkins

June 25, 1968

Mr. John Fournier
Editor, Kent News Journal
704 West Meeker
Kent, Washington 98031

Dear Mr. Fournier:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders I express our appreciation to you for sending us each copies of your editorial concerning the composition and salaries of the Board of County Commissioners under a home rule charter. Your story has prompted discussion among the Freeholders and we appreciate your interest.

We are now reviewing a rough draft of the proposed charter and hope to have it available for distribution and comment by interested organizations and citizens at a series of public hearings to be held in July. Our tentative schedule calls for the first such hearing to be held on July 17 at 7:30 p.m. in room 402 of the King County Courthouse. We would welcome your attendance at this or one of the subsequent hearings and would be pleased to afford you an early place on the agenda. The Freeholders all appreciate your interest in our work and recognize your experience in connection with the 1952 charter effort and throughout the years.

Thank you for your continued interest.

Yours very truly,

RRA/kes

Richard R. Albrecht
Chairman

June 25, 1968

Mr. Walter Woodward
The Seattle Times
Fairview North & John
Seattle, Washington

Dear Walt:

Thank you for according me the opportunity this morning to discuss with you some of the background leading to the Freeholders' tentative decisions concerning the office of County Assessor and the County Auditor under a proposed home rule charter. I believe the reasons I outlined to you represent the fundamental basis of the tentative decisions that have been reached. There may be additional questions or additional factors affecting the decisions of the individual Freeholders and I or other representatives of the Board will be pleased to discuss these and other matters with you further.

The charter draft is presently being submitted to Mr. John Donaho for a professional critique and we expect there may be further revision coming out of a meeting with Mr. Donaho later this week. As soon as any such revisions have been incorporated, we will make available a copy of the draft and I would welcome an opportunity for an informal discussion concerning the draft and its prospects for passage with members of your editorial staff.

I look forward to meeting you and discussing further the progress of the Freeholders in arriving at a proposed home rule charter for King County.

Yours very truly,

Richard R. Albrecht
Chairman

RRA/kes

June 25, 1968

Mr. Ross Cunningham
The Seattle Times
Fairview North & John
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Cunningham:

I enjoyed the opportunity to discuss with Walt Woodward this morning some of the background concerning the tentative decisions of the Board of King County Freeholders concerning the functions of the County Assessor and a County Auditor in a home rule charter.

As we approach our final deliberations on a proposed charter, I would welcome an opportunity for further discussion with you and members of your editorial staff concerning the decisions the Freeholders are making. We would also be grateful for the opportunity to have your views on the prospect for passage of a home rule charter and the factors which may affect the outcome of the election on that issue.

We are in the process of a final review of the tentative draft before submitting it for public comment at a series of public hearings. As soon as a revised draft is available, we will send you a copy for your review.

If at any time you have questions concerning the activities of the Freeholders, I would welcome an opportunity to discuss them with you.

Yours very truly, .

Richard R. Albrecht
Chairman .

RRA/kes

June 24, 1968

Mrs. Thomas Moran, Chairman
Political Science Dept.
WOMAN'S CENTURY CLUB
4809 Paris Drive N. E.
Seattle, Washington 98105

Dear Mrs. Moran:

This will acknowledge your telephone call to our office on June 18th, requesting a speaker for the Woman's Century Club luncheon meeting on September 13th.

Although I cannot say at the moment who will speak to your group, we will honor this commitment and are scheduling it on our calendar.

Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman of the Board of King County Freeholders, and myself are assuming the responsibility of speaking engagements, and I anticipate that either Mr. Albrecht or myself will be speaking to your group on September 13th.

By September the Board will have approved the final Charter for presentation to the voters, and we welcome the opportunity to tell your organization of the contents of the proposed Home Rule Charter for King County.

Very Sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

June 26, 1968

Sheriff Jack Porter
King County Sheriff's Department
1001 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Sheriff Porter:

Your cooperation in allowing the office of the Board of King County Freeholders to use your Xerox copy machine would be much appreciated.

The nature of the Freeholders' work is such that they often need to make many copies of documents for all 15 of the Freeholders plus members of the press and expert witnesses; particularly for their public hearings. Therefore, the speed with which your department's copy machine operates helps greatly to expedite this work.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

John E. Hammond
BUDGET DIRECTOR

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July 12, 1968

Mrs. Verner L. Dotson
1405 N. E. 70th
Seattle, Washington 98115

Dear Mrs. Dotson:

In connection with the telephone call of Mrs. Staley, member of your program committee, the Board of King County Freeholders welcomes the opportunity to speak to the Federated Women's Clubs on October 4th at 3:00 p.m. at the University Baptist Church.

As I indicated to Mrs. Staley, either myself or our Chairman, Richard Albrecht, will be available to speak to your club. We will anticipate one-half hour to 45 minutes for presenting the work of the King County Freeholders and the proposed Home Rule Charter.

We appreciate this opportunity to present the work of the Freeholders to your organization. You will be receiving in the next week or so a copy of the preliminary draft so that you may become more familiar with the details of the Charter.

When you receive your copy and have had an opportunity to read it, feel free before October 4th to make any comments you might have directly to our office, since we will be making revisions during our deliberative sessions in August.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman
BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

NOTE: University Baptist Church
4554 - 12th N. E.
Seattle, 98105

July 16, 1968

Mr. Jim Backstrom
Administrative Officer
Pacific Science Center
200 Second Avenue North
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Backstrom:

As a follow-up to our telephone conversation on July 16th, the Freeholders will hold a public hearing on August 7th at 7:30 p.m. at the Pacific Science Center in the Ames Theatre.

As you indicated, I will contact Gilbert Shartle to make arrangements for seating and setting up the microphones.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

July 17, 1968

Dr. Lowell Culver
Department of Political Science
Pacific Lutheran University
Parkland, Washington 98447

Dear Lowell:

The enclosed draft is one which the Board of Freeholders has chosen to make public at a meeting on July 31st. We would appreciate having suggestions from the professional and academic community. Feel free to make your comments in any area you feel needs strengthening.

The Board plans to hold a second public hearing on August 7th. If you would like to attend either of the two public meetings and present your views to them verbally it would be much appreciated. The enclosed news release indicates the time and place of the public hearings.

We are also mailing a copy of the draft to your library. If our office can be of any help in sending copies of the draft to any citizen or public official in Pierce County, please let me know. We hope to stimulate all possible interest which will be helpful in furthering the home rule process.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosures

July 18, 1968

Mr. John Donaho
John Donaho & Associates
10 Light Street
Maryland National Bank Bldg.
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear John:

As you can see from the enclosed copies of minutes and revised draft, the Board is moving right along toward their target date of September 4th to have the Charter in final form.

We ran into some difficulty last night regarding the definition of the comprehensive plan under the Planning Department section. When Don McDonald began objecting to certain language, it became apparent that an impasse was developing and the entire section was deleted from the draft--allowing the comprehensive plan to be adopted by ordinance later. I suspect that in other sections where we run into difficulty the same technique may be used to get past a deadlock.

I have talked to John Strasburger about deletion of entire sections similar to the section on the comprehensive plan, and in certain areas--particularly the departments and administrative offices--the Board's tinkering with the language, and we may have to delete the language in several areas and allow the structure to be defined subsequent to the passage of the Charter.

The finance, budgeting and personnel sections which you drafted appear to be on solid ground, and I doubt whether any changes will be made other than what the minutes reflect of the last two meetings.

We're holding a public hearing on July 31st, and a second one on August 7th. The Board will meet weekly following the hearings to continue deliberations on the draft until they have satisfied themselves that the draft is ready for certification.

Very sincerely,

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:ng
Enclosures: (Check #916236 - \$1,745.00)
Minutes
Draft

July 19, 1968

Business Manager
Washington Athletic Club
1325 Sixth Avenue
Seattle, Wash. 98101

Dear Sir:

In connection with the luncheon held at the Washington Athletic Club on June 28th through the courtesy of Mr. Robert Block, the enclosed check in the amount of \$54.65 represents the amount charged to the Freeholders.

Please credit this amount to Mr. Block's account, #1378.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosure (check)

cc: Mr. Robert Block

July 24, 1968

Mr. Ken Gilbert
Deputy Secretary of State
Office of the Secretary of State
Olympia, Washington 98501

Dear Ken:

The attached working draft of the proposed Home Rule Charter has a number of provisions which concern elections. This draft is still in the process of being amended. The Board of Freeholders hopes to have a final draft completed by September 4th, to be certified at that time.

The Board would appreciate having your comments on the election section and the procedures established for initiative and referendum. If preparing written remarks seems too burdensome, feel free to contact our office by telephone---particularly if there are any other provisions which you think may cause some problems.

I have given a copy of the draft to Ed Logan, who is now in the process of reviewing it. Perhaps you may want to talk to Ed and incorporate your comments along with his.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Attachment

July 29, 1968

Mrs. John T. Coleman
3500 E. John Street
Seattle, Washington 98102

Dear Mrs. Coleman:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for the help you gave us in the mailing of our working draft of the proposed Home Rule Charter for King County---and particularly for your help in phoning all of the members of the League who volunteered to help.

We appreciate the interest shown in our work by the members of the League of Women Voters, and sincerely hope that if you have any comments to make regarding the Charter draft, you will make them known to us at one of our future public hearings. One of these hearings is to be held in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 31st; and the other at the Pacific Science Center's Eames Theatre, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 7th.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

REA:hg

July 29, 1968

Miss Ann Denton
703 Bellevue Ave. E. - Apt. G-21
Seattle, Wash. 98102

Dear Miss Denton:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for the help you gave us in the mailing of our working draft of the proposed Home Rule Charter for King County.

We appreciate the interest shown in our work by the members of the League of Women Voters, and sincerely hope that if you have any comments to make regarding the Charter draft, you will make them known to us at one of our future public hearings. One of these hearings is to be held in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 31st; and the other at the Pacific Science Center's Eames Theatre, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 7th.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

July 29, 1968

Mrs. Richard E. Bates
2619 Warren Ave. No.
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mrs. Bates:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for the help you gave us in the mailing of our working draft of the proposed Home Rule Charter for King County.

We appreciate the interest shown in our work by the members of the League of Women Voters, and sincerely hope that if you have any comments to make regarding the Charter draft, you will make them known to us at one of our future public hearings. One of these hearings is to be held in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 31st, and the other at the Pacific Science Center's Eames Theater, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 7th.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

July 29, 1968

Mrs. Carl Carlson
8618 - 43rd N. E.
Seattle, Washington 98115

Dear Mrs. Carlson:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for the help you gave us in the mailing of our working draft of the proposed Home Rule Charter for King County.

We appreciate the interest shown in our work by the members of the League of Women Voters, and sincerely hope that if you have any comments to make regarding the Charter draft, you will make them known to us at one of our future public hearings. One of these hearings is to be held in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 31st; and the other at the Pacific Science Center's Eames Theater, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 7th..

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

July 29, 1968

Mrs. Levin M. Lynch
8420 Benotho Place
Bellevue, Washington 98004

Dear Mrs. Lynch:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for the help you gave us in the mailing of our working draft of the proposed Home Rule Charter for King County.

We appreciate the interest shown in our work by the members of the League of Women Voters; and sincerely hope that if you have any comments to make regarding the Charter draft, you will make them known to us at one of our future public hearings. One of these hearings is to be held in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 31st; and the other at the Pacific Science Center's Eames Theater, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 7th.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

July 29, 1968

Mrs. Harold Mozer
4247 - 135th Place S. E.
Bellevue, Washington 98004

Dear Mrs. Mozer:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for the help you gave us in the mailing of our working draft of the proposed Home Rule Charter for King County.

We appreciate the interest shown in our work by the members of the League of Women Voters; and sincerely hope that if you have any comments to make regarding the Charter draft, you will make them known to us at one of our future public hearings. One of these hearings is to be held in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 31st; and the other at the Pacific Science Center's Eames Theater, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 7th.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

July 29, 1968

Mrs. Estelle Wertheimer
7845 S. E. 63rd Place
Mercer Island, Wash. 98040

Dear Mrs. Wertheimer:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for the help you gave us in the mailing of our working draft of the proposed Home Rule Charter for King County.

We appreciate the interest shown in our work by the members of the League of Women Voters, and sincerely hope that if you have any comments to make regarding the Charter draft, you will make them known to us at one of our future public hearings. One of these hearings is to be held in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 31st; and the other at the Pacific Science Center's Eames Theatre, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 7th.

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BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

September 19, 1968

Mrs. Carl Carlson
8618 - 43rd N. E.
Seattle, Washington 98115

Dear Mrs. Carlson:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for your cooperation in helping to collate the final draft of the Charter.

We appreciate your interest in our work, and hope that if you believe the Charter to be a step in the right direction for better government in King County you will help bring it to the attention of others who may help in the success of the Charter at the November 5th general election.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

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BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

August 1, 1968

Mr. Jack Yearout
Assistant Editor
BELLEVUE AMERICAN
Bellevue, Washington 98004

Dear Mr. Yearout:

I would like to take this opportunity to compliment you on the very fine article which appeared in the Bellevue American regarding the proposed Charter for King County.

I thought you might be interested in the results of last evening's Freeholder public hearing.

The Board acted at last night's meeting to accept unanimously the districting committee's report, and it will be incorporated into the working draft. A copy of this report is attached.

If you have any questions regarding the map or the report please let me know.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Moyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Attachment

August 9, 1968

Mr. Fred Utevsky, Planning Consultant
7312 - 55th Avenue Northeast
Seattle, Washington 98115

Dear Mr. Utevsky:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for taking the time to present your views on the draft Charter. The comments which you have made will be evaluated by the Board when it begins deliberation on proposed changes August 12th. Copies of your remarks were provided to each of the Freeholders, so they will understand your comments in full context.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

August 9, 1968

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4247 - 135th Place S. E.
Bellevue, Washington 98004

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD E. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

August 9, 1968

Mr. L. Joe Miller,
City Manager
City of Bellevue
Bellevue, Washington 98004

Dear Mr. Miller:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for taking the time to present your views to us on the draft Charter. The comments which you have made will be evaluated by the Board when it begins deliberation on proposed changes August 12th. Copies of your remarks were provided to each of the Freeholders, so they will understand your comments in full context.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RBA:PM:hg

August 9, 1968

Roscoe C. Burr, Director
Seattle-King County Civil Defense
500 Mercer Street
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Burr:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for taking the time to present your views on the draft Charter. The comments which you have made will be evaluated by the Board when it begins deliberation on proposed changes August 12th. Copies of your remarks were provided to each of the Freeholders, so they will understand your comments in full context.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

August 9, 1968

Mr. W. H. Philipp
1210 Fifth Avenue No.
Renton, Washington 98055

Dear Mr. Philipp:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for taking the time to present your views on the draft Charter. The comments which you have made will be evaluated by the Board when it begins deliberation on proposed changes August 12th. Copies of your remarks were provided to each of the Freeholders so they will understand your comments in full context.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

BRA:hg

August 9, 1968

Mr. Chester Biesen, Executive Director
Association of Washington Cities
3935 University Way N. E.
Seattle, Washington 98105

Dear Mr. Biesen:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for taking the time to present your views on the draft Charter. The comments which you have made will be evaluated by the Board when it begins deliberation on proposed changes August 12th. Copies of your remarks were provided to each of the Freeholders, so they will understand your comments in full context.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

August 9, 1968

Patricia Van Alinker, President
King County Employees Association
King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mrs. VanAlinker:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for taking the time to present your views on the draft Charter. The comments which you have made will be evaluated by the Board when it begins deliberation on proposed changes August 12th. Copies of your remarks were provided to each of the Freeholders, so they will understand your comments in full context.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PN:hg

cc: Gladys Dexter, Secretary

August 9, 1968

Mr. Harold Jackson
Vice-President for Finance
Seattle Community College
1718 Broadway
Seattle, Washington

Dear Harold:

I am sending to you a copy of Richard A. Denny, Sr.'s resume which we discussed over the telephone. As you will note, Mr. Denny has had considerable budget experience and had indicated his desire to locate in the Seattle area.

Very sincerely,

Paul R. Moyer,
Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosure

August 9, 1968

Dr. Donald L. Kruzner, Superintendent
Intermediate School District IX
King County Courthouse Unit No. 2
100 Crockett Street
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Dr. Kruzner:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for taking the time to present your views on the draft Charter. The comments which you have made will be evaluated by the Board when it begins deliberation on proposed changes August 12th. Copies of your remarks were provided to each of the Freeholders, so they will understand your comments in full context.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

FRA:PM:hg

August 9, 1968

Mrs. Billie Nichols
1512 N. W. 63rd
Seattle, Wash. 98107

Dear Mrs. Nichols:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for taking the time to present your views on the draft Charter. The comments which you have made will be evaluated by the Board when it begins deliberation on proposed changes August 12th. Copies of your remarks were provided to each of the Freeholders so they will understand your comments in full context.

We also appreciate your appearing before the Board to present your views and answer questions.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

August 9, 1968

Mr. J. F. MacDonald
764 So. 293rd
Federal Way, Wash. 98002

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for taking the time to present your views on the draft Charter. The comments which you have made will be evaluated by the Board when it begins deliberation on proposed changes August 12th. Copies of your remarks were provided to each of the Freeholders so they will understand your comments in full context.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

August 13, 1968

Mr. Loran A. Clark
11031 S. E. 26th
Bellevue, Wash. 98004

Dear Mr. Clark:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for taking the time to present your views on the draft Charter. The comments which you have made will be evaluated by the Board during its deliberations, which commenced August 12th. Copies of your remarks were provided to each of the Freeholders, so they will understand your comments in full context.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

August 13, 1968

Mr. Allen B. Morgan
KING COUNTY ASSESSOR
King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Morgan:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for taking the time to present your views on the draft Charter. The comments which you made were evaluated by the Board during its deliberation of August 12th, and were incorporated into the draft Charter.

We anticipate having the final draft completed by September 4th, so it may be certified to the Board of County Commissioners shortly thereafter. If you have any additional comments that you wish to make, please contact either myself at MU 2-8770, or our Executive Secretary, Paul Meyer, at MA 3-5556.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RPA:PM:hg

August 13, 1968

Mr. L. B. Johnson, Purchasing Agent
KING COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
606 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for taking the time to present your views on the draft Charter. The comments which you made were evaluated by the Board during its deliberation on August 12th, and parts of your comments relating to bidding procedures were incorporated into the Charter.

We anticipate having the final draft completed by September 4th, so it may be certified to the Board of County Commissioners shortly thereafter. If you have any additional comments that you wish to make, please contact either myself at MU 2-8770, or our Executive Secretary, Paul Meyer, at MA 3-5556.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

August 13, 1968

Mr. S. J. Patroni
Chief Examiner & Secretary
King County Civil Service Commission
Room 843 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Patroni:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for taking the time to present your views on the draft Charter. The comments which you have made will be evaluated by the Board during its deliberations, which commenced August 12th. Copies of your remarks were provided to each of the Freeholders, so they will understand your comments in full context.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

August 13, 1968

Patricia VanAlmkork, President
King County Employees Association
King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mrs. VanAlmkork:

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

cc: Gladys Dexter, Secretary

August 13, 1968

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

Dear Mrs. Jacky:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for taking the time to present your views on the draft Charter. The comments which you have made will be evaluated by the Board during its deliberations, which commenced August 12th. Copies of your remarks were provided to each of the Freeholders, so they will understand your comments in full context.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

August 13, 1968

Dr. Dixy Lee Ray, Director
Pacific Science Center
200 Second Avenue North
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Dr. Ray:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for making the James Theatre available to us for our public hearing on August 7, 1968. Conducting this hearing at the Pacific Science Center certainly provided dignity to the occasion, and was quite a contrast to our previous meetings which have been held in the King County Courthouse.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Backstrom and Mr. Shartle of your staff for their assistance in setting up the arrangements for the hearing.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

August 13, 1968

Mrs. Wilton M. Whisler
121 South 168th St.
Seattle, Washington 98148

Dear Mrs. Whisler:

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

BRA:PM:hg

August 13, 1968

Mr. Bruce Johnson
Director of Public Affairs
The Boeing Company
Seattle, Washington 98124

Dear Bruce:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for taking the time to conduct a survey of your practical politics class regarding the proposed home rule charter for King County, and for forwarding this information to us. Copies of the results of your survey were provided to each of the Freeholders.

We look forward, also, to the opportunity of reviewing with you the results of your corporate review of the proposed charter to assess its possible impact on the operations of The Boeing Company.

We anticipate having the final draft completed by September 4th, so it may be certified to the Board of County Commissioners shortly thereafter. If you have any additional comments to make, please contact either myself at MU 2-8770, or our Executive Secretary, Paul Meyer, at MA 3-5556.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

MEMORANDUM TO ALL FREEHOLDERS

August 16, 1968

FROM CHAIRMAN RICHARD ALBRECHT

The attached revised agenda incorporates the special orders of business requested at the last meeting and such other agenda questions as have not been acted upon.

The special orders of business have been expressed as simple, direct questions. Your answer to the question as phrased may change depending upon decisions made on the other questions. In the past we have followed a procedure of permitting each freeholder to explain his views on each of the major questions before we have taken action. I propose that we follow this procedure on the special orders of business Monday night. For those who are unable to attend Monday night's meeting, please call the office and give your views on the questions as posed, and be prepared to state circumstances if any which might cause you to change your position as to each of the items of business.

Also enclosed are recent letters from Washington State Association of Water Districts and from the Director of Seattle-King County Department of Health. If any of you wish to have considered as an agenda item any of the questions raised by those letters, please let the office know.

August 19, 1968

Mr. Irving Clark, Jr.
384 Fairview Ave. North
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Clark:

Thank you for your letter of August 16th and your comments regarding the draft Charter.

The Board of Freeholders is meeting throughout the month of August, and will be considering among other things the number of "county councilmen" as well as the districts--- both of which questions you raised in your letter.

I have made copies of your letter for each Board member, for their further consideration.

The Board welcomes the opportunity to present their work on your evening radio broadcast. I will contact you shortly and discuss the appropriate time for such a presentation.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Hoyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosure

August 19, 1968

Mr. Herbert J. Altschull
News Analyst
K I N G T V
320 Aurora Ave. North
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Altschull:

I am indeed sorry that a copy of the King County Draft Charter did not reach your desk.

Enclosed is a copy of the most recent draft, dated August 16th.

The Board of Freeholders will continue to meet throughout the month of August, and a number of changes are being proposed to this draft. As I indicated to you the other day, we anticipate having a final draft completed by September 4th. I will call you after the draft is completed and discuss the arrangements for a treatment on the Freeholders' work.

The Board still plans to place the Charter for adoption on the November 5th ballot.

If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to call.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosure

August 19, 1968

Dr. Donald L. Kruzner, Superintendent
King County Intermediate School District IX
King County Courthouse Unit No. 2
106 Crockett Street
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Dr. Kruzner:

The matter which we discussed previously regarding the continued support of the intermediate school district office was discussed at the Freeholders' meeting on August 14th. I am enclosing a copy of the minutes, which indicate the action taken by the Board.

The minutes are not signed because Mrs. Gunby, the Freeholder Secretary, is away on vacation and will sign them when she returns. When a signed copy of the minutes is available, I will forward them to your office.

Additional copies of the July 18th draft were picked up by a representative of your office some time ago. There have been a number of changes made to that draft, some of which are reflected in the August 14th minutes. The Board will continue to meet throughout the remainder of this month, and a final draft will be available in approximately mid-September.

In your letter of July 25th you mention that Mr. Fred Meitzer and Mr. Bob Marum were working on a handbook of county government. I am enclosing a copy of a handbook prepared by Washington State University under contract to the Washington State Association of County Commissioners, which was published this spring. You are no doubt aware that the Association also completed a 20-minute color film in April, which is a companion of the handbook, covering graphically the services of county government.

If you have any further questions regarding the draft, please let us know.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosures (2)

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August 22, 1968

Mr. Wilton M. Whisler
121 South 168th
Seattle, Washington 98148

Dear Mr. Whisler:

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

August 22, 1968

Mr. W. H. Philipp
1210 - 5th Ave. No.
Renton, Washington 98055

Dear Mr. Philipp:

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

August 22, 1968

Dr. S. P. Lehman, Director
Seattle-King County Dept. of Health
904 Public Safety Building
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Dr. Lehman:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for providing comments regarding the draft Home Rule Charter. Your letter has been brought to the attention of the Board and your specific remarks are being evaluated for possible incorporation into the final draft.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

ERR:PM:hg

August 22, 1968

Mr. Einar M. Syverson
Director of Planning
Puget Sound Governmental Conference
Seattle Ferry Terminal, Pier 52
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Syverson:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for providing comments regarding the draft Home Rule Charter. Your letter has been brought to the attention of the Board and your specific remarks are being evaluated for possible incorporation into the final draft.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

KRA:PM:pg

August 22, 1968

Mr. Ben Bergsma, President
Washington State Assoc. of Water Districts
Suite 112 - 1818 Westlake North
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Bergsma:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for providing comments regarding the draft Home Rule Charter. Your letter has been brought to the attention of the Board and your specific remarks are being evaluated for possible incorporation into the final draft.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

August 22, 1968

Mr. Charles A. Custer, Jr.
Boundary Chairman, CUB-H
5503 - 20th Avenue South
Seattle, Washington 98108

Dear Mr. Custer:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for providing comments regarding the draft Home Rule Charter. Your letter has been brought to the attention of the Board and your specific remarks are being evaluated for possible incorporation into the final draft.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

August 22, 1963

Mr. Charles E. Stark
23425 - 26th Avo. So.
Kent, Washington 98031

Dear Mr. Stark:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for providing comments regarding the draft Home Rule Charter. Your letter has been brought to the attention of the Board and your specific remarks are being evaluated for possible incorporation into the final draft.

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Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:PM:hg

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 Meadsnest 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 5, 1968, at Room 402 of the King County Courthouse.

At both the August 29th and the September 5th 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

August 26, 1968

TO: Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman
BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

FROM: Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

Attached is a sheet indicating the status of the Freeholders' budget as of August 26, 1968. The figures shown on the balance column represent funds which are available for expenditure or possible redistribution by budget adjustment. One such adjustment which will probably be needed is in the "Printing" category.

Enclosed are quotations from three printing companies, which range from a low of \$1,239.00 to a high of \$2,500.00. Sometime before September 16th we should request a budget adjustment by the Board of County Commissioners. The most logical transfer would be the "Taxes" category of \$1,000 to "Printing", to bring it to a total of \$2,500--- which would clearly cover the printing costs and any printing in excess of 10,000 copies.

For our own records we are keeping "Research Services" and "Advisory Services" in separate categories, but for the accounting records the two are treated as one. Therefore, the balance of \$2,096.75 is the amount which can be used for additional part-time help or the hiring of consultants.

M E M O R A N D U M

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.

September 5, 1968

Board of King County Commissioners
402 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Commissioners:

This letter will confirm our conversations in Commissioner O'Brien's office Tuesday, September 3rd, concerning the progress of the Board of King County Freeholders.

We have scheduled a final meeting of the Freeholders for 9:00 a.m., Friday, September 6, 1968, in Room 402 of the Courthouse. At that meeting it is expected the draft charter will be adopted and certified to the Board of County Commissioners, together with the request that it be placed before the voters of King County for adoption at the general election to be held November 5, 1968.

We have requested Mr. Porter, the County Administrator, to arrange a meeting with your Board for 10:30 a.m., Monday, September 9, for presentation of the charter. We will be able to provide each of you with copies of the final form of the charter in advance of this meeting so that you will be in a position to take immediate action to place it on the November ballot.

As you know, the charter must be printed once each week for four consecutive weeks in two newspapers of the county prior to the date of the election. The cost of this publication was not contemplated by any budgets submitted for expenses of the Freeholders, but the possible need for these funds was called to your attention in our letter of July 8, 1968.

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our appreciation to each of you, to other county officials and to all county employees for their excellent cooperation and assistance. The Freeholders have worked diligently to prepare a workable home rule charter for King County and to present it in time for the November, 1968 general election. Without everyone's cooperation, this would not have been possible.

As we conclude the drafting phase of our responsibility, there remains approximately \$3,000 unexpended in the \$12,500 budget appropriated for the Freeholders. Of this amount, \$1,500 was allocated to printing. Since most of the other remaining expenses will be minor, the Freeholders will be asked to request a budget revision making available substantially all of the remaining funds in our budget to meet the cost of printing copies of the proposed charter. We feel that it is imperative that the voters of King County have available to them an adequate supply of copies of the charter so that they may inform themselves and vote intelligently on the question of its adoption. We have been advised that 20,000 copies of the charter can be printed for approximately \$1,500. We think this is a reasonable amount and certainly a justified expense to assure adequate information concerning the work of the Freeholders. In addition, we think it may be desirable to prepare a brief summary of the salient provisions of the charter for wider distribution among the voters of the County.

Because of the short time from now until the November election, it will probably not be possible to follow the usual bidding procedures for the printing of the charter and informational material. However, working with the County Purchasing Department, we will use all efforts to secure the best prices from responsible printers and will advise you accordingly. We don't intend to charge for copies of the Charter, but discretion will be used by our office when answering requests for multiple copies.

The work of the Freeholders has been facilitated by the services of our Executive Secretary, our Secretary, and the availability of the office space and related services in the Courthouse during our deliberations. In order that the printing and distribution of the charter may be expedited and that the voters of King County may have a source of additional information, it is important that the Freeholder office and staff be maintained at least through the November election. Following the election, there will be additional work in closing files and completing our records that will probably require the services of the staff through the month of November.

The draft charter does not reflect the personal views of any one of the Freeholders. Rather, it represents a composite view of what the Freeholders as a board have concluded is in the best interests of King County and will provide to King County an improved local government. We hope that each of the King County Commissioners will recognize it as such. We hope you

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will welcome it as the framework for improved county administration, and will actively support its adoption by the voters of the county.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FRIENDS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

REA:hg

September 9, 1968

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

Attention: Ralph R. Stender, Deputy Clerk

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the proposed home rule charter adopted unanimously by the Board of King County Freeholders on September 6, 1968.

It is requested that the Board of King County Commissioners sign the enclosed resolution, approved as to form and legality by the King County Prosecutor, and submit the Charter for a special election to be held on November 5, 1968.

As indicated in Chairman Richard Albrecht's letter of September 5th, the Commissioners have agreed to hold a special order of business at 10:30 a.m., Monday, September 9th, for the purpose of receiving the proposed Charter.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Attachment

September 10, 1968

Mrs. K. Menor
Seattle League of Women Voters
1402 - 18th Avenue
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mrs. Menor:

Enclosed is the Resolution adopted by the Board of King County Commissioners on September 9th, certifying the Charter for the November 5, 1968 ballot. The ballot title about which you inquired is contained in the resolution.

Copies of the final Charter are being prepared now, and when completed will be sent to the individual League offices.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosure

September 11, 1968

Mr. Jim Metcalf, Publications Director
Washington State Assoc. of County Commissioners
105 Maple Park
Olympia, Washington 98501

Dear Jim:

Enclosed is a copy of the final draft of the King County Home Rule Charter to be presented to the voters of King County on November 5, 1968. Also enclosed are minutes of the last two adoption meetings which indicate the changes made since the draft which I mailed to you recently.

The ballot title which will be used is enclosed in the resolution adopted by the Board of King County Commissioners last Monday.

The prosecuting attorney's staff changed one word of our original ballot title, substituting the word "functional" for the word "improved" before the word "administration".

If you need any additional information, please let me know.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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September 12, 1968

Mr. L. B. Johnson
King County Purchasing Agent
E-521 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Enclosed is a copy of Mr. Richard Albrecht's letter of September 5th, confirming certain agreements made with the Board of King County Freeholders; one of which involves a request for emergency resolution to allow the printing of 30,000 copies of the proposed King County Home Rule Charter, along with a brief descriptive summary of the Charter.

The reason for this request is the fact that the Charter was in the process of being amended until its adoption on September 6, 1968, and the need to have copies disseminated to the public before the November 5th general election, at which time the proposed Charter will be submitted to the electorate.

It is requested that your office prepare the necessary resolution requesting the Board of Commissioners to take action allowing for negotiation with a reliable printing firm.

Quotations have been received from four responsible printers, with the written quotations on file in the Freeholders' office. It is further requested that the resolution authorize the expenditure of funds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. In connection with the Freeholders' printing budget, it is anticipated that a companion resolution will be approved by the Board of King County Commissioners, increasing the printing budget from \$1,500 to \$5,000.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very sincerely
BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Attachment

September 16, 1963

To the Citizens of King County:

Last November you elected fifteen freeholders to prepare and propose a home rule charter for King County pursuant to the 21st Amendment to the Washington Constitution.

The Freeholders began by adopting rules to provide for orderly consideration and deliberation of charter proposals. Meetings were held with all elected officials and department heads charged with responsibility for the present administration of King County. We studied home rule charters from other counties throughout the country, listened to county officials, consultants and professors, and held a series of public forums before making any decisions on the content of the charter.

After deliberation and revision of a first draft of the charter, 1,500 copies were made available for comment and criticism by interested citizens and organizations. There were two public hearings on the draft charter. Before we undertook final deliberations leading to final adoption of the proposed charter.

The freeholders have represented you well. Coming from all parts of the county and representing all political and philosophical points of view, the freeholders have in their deliberations raised arguments for and against all of the provisions suggested for inclusion in the charter. Each freeholder brought to the task a sense of personal dedication to produce a governmental structure that will serve this county well for many years to come.

We commend this proposed charter to you and urge its adoption. We all believe it provides a good framework to bring home rule to King County.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

September 18, 1968

Father Costello
SEATTLE UNIVERSITY
960 Broadway
Seattle, Wash. 98122

Dear Father Costello:

I understand that you will be a participant on Art McDonald's "Viewpoint" program on KOMO T-V, along with Mr. Richard Albrecht and Mrs. Virginia Gunby.

In case you have not already received a copy of the Charter, enclosed is one and also a synopsis and map showing the councilman districts of the proposed new charter.

If you have any questions regarding either the Charter or the synopsis, please feel free to call on me for any further information.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

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September 18, 1968

Board of King County Commissioners
402 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98104

Gentlemen:

When at your Monday afternoon session I was called upon to speak for the Freeholders concerning a proposal to publish a large number of copies of the Charter in the form of reprints of a newspaper tabloid insert, I had not had an opportunity to consider the matter in the light of alternative means of informing the public of the Charter and its contents. We had assumed that our suggestions for the printing of the Charter and a fact sheet summarizing its contents were acceptable, and we were not aware until Monday of an alternate proposal.

We recognize the possibility that a large number of copies of the Charter might be made available at reasonably low cost by reprinting newspaper pages published to meet the requirements of the 21st Amendment to the Washington Constitution. If this can be done in a form and with a layout that presents the Charter in presentable and easily readable form, and if it will result in a net saving of County funds, we believe this is an excellent opportunity and that we should consider the suggestion favorably.

Since the matter of publishing the Charter to comply with the 21st Amendment was not contemplated in the preparation of the Freeholders' budget, nor in our plans for the use of remaining funds to inform the public concerning the Charter's contents, we assume the only charge to the Freeholders' budget for such a newspaper tabloid insert would be for the reprints purchased for distribution independently of the newspaper distribution.

We believe that it is important to make available a limited number of copies of the Charter in booklet form for reference use by libraries, newspapers, members of the press, radio and TV, public officials and others whose comments on the Charter may assist in bringing to light matters of concern to the voters who will be asked to approve it. For this reason, we would suggest that a smaller number---perhaps 5,000 copies---of a booklet form of the Charter be printed.

We have received suggestions from a number of persons, including at least one of the Commissioners, that we publish a fact sheet describing the Charter, including a districting map and an organization chart,

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for those who are not likely to take the time to read the Charter, whether in booklet or tabloid form. We believe such a brochure can be prepared and published in quantity at relatively little cost.

We do not have cost figures on the publication of the Charter in tabloid form. However, if this is a feasible alternative, we expect that such copies of the tabloid as well as the booklet and brochure can be printed within the funds in the Freeholders' budget. We believe, however, that a budget revision would still be required, since only \$1,500 was allocated initially for printing and publication.

We would be happy to discuss with you, the budget directors, or others concerned, these and any other proposals that may be advanced for publication of the Charter. Because it does take time to accomplish the necessary printing, and there are now less than seven weeks remaining before the election, we believe it is imperative that the matter be resolved promptly and in a manner that will assure adequate distribution of the Charter and information concerning its contents at minimum cost to the taxpayers.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRM:hg

cc: John Hammond
Ray Olson
Chas. Rossonman

John Porter

September 19, 1968

Board of King County Commissioners
B U I L D I N G

Gentlemen:

Attached is the revised resolution as discussed at your special board meeting on September 19th.

It is requested that immediate action be taken to carry out the provisions covered in Chairman Albrecht's letter of September 18th.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Moyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Attachment

MEMORANDUM

September 19, 1962

TO: L. B. Johnson, King County Purchasing Agent

FROM: Paul R. Moyer, Executive Secretary
Board of King County Freeholders

The results of the work of Mrs. Cecelia Williams, Buyer for the King County Purchasing Department, regarding the printing of the proposed County Charter and accompanying fact sheet is as follows:

1. Low Bidder: L & H Printing Co., 63 Washington St.
Seattle, Wash. - 5,000 copies - \$1,091
2. Frayn Printing Co., 2518 Western Ave.,
Seattle, Wash. - 5,000 copies - \$1,475
3. Metropolitan Press, 3rd & Vine, Seattle
5,000 copies - \$1,755

The above figures assume the following criteria:

Stock: inside - 60#, white, semi-gloss
cover - 65# stock
ink - one color
size - 6 x 9

Approximately 36 printed pages,
Binding - saddle stitch

Because copy is not available for the accompanying fact sheet, quotations are not available at this time. Since the fact sheet is to be a supplement to the Charter, it is assumed that whatever is the basic cost, any balance which does not exceed a total of \$5,000 for both the fact sheet and the Charter will be available for the supplemental printing.

September 20, 1968

Mrs. J. L. Rasp
4528 - 5th Ave. N. E.
Seattle, Wash. 98105

Dear Mrs. Rasp:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for your cooperation in helping to collate the final draft of the Charter.

We appreciate your interest in our work, and hope that if you believe the Charter to be a step in the right direction for better government in King County you will help bring it to the attention of others who may help in the success of the Charter at the November 5th general election.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

REA:lg

September 20, 1933

Mrs. John T. Coleman
3500 E. John Street
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mrs. Coleman:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to again thank you for your help in phoning and organizing the ladies from the League of Women Voters to help collate the final draft of the Charter.

We appreciate your interest in our work, and hope that if you believe the Charter to be a step in the right direction for better government in King County you will help bring it to the attention of others who may help in the success of the Charter at the November 5th general election.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

September 20, 1968

Mrs. Estelle Wertheimer
7845 S. E. 63rd Place
Mercer Island, Wash. 98040

Dear Mrs. Wertheimer:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for the help you gave us in collating the final draft of the Charter.

We appreciate your interest in our work, and hope that if you believe the Charter to be a step in the right direction for better government in King County you will help bring it to the attention of others who may help in the success of the Charter at the November 5th general election.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALSBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

September 20, 1938

Mrs. Levin M. Lynch
8420 Donoho Place
Bellevue, Washington 98004

Dear Mrs. Lynch:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for your cooperation in helping to collate the final draft of the Charter.

We appreciate your interest in our work, and hope that if you believe the Charter to be a step in the right direction for better government in King County you will help bring it to the attention of others who may help in the success of the Charter at the November 5th general election.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

September 20, 1968

Mrs. James B. Howe, Jr.
3879 - 43rd Northeast
Seattle, Wash. 98105

Dear Mrs. Howe:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for your cooperation in helping to collate the final draft of the Charter.

We appreciate your interest in our work, and hope that if you believe the Charter to be a step in the right direction for better government in King County you will help bring it to the attention of others who may help in the success of the Charter at the November 5th general election.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

September 23, 1968

Federal Way Branch
A.A.U.W.
c/c Mrs. Douglas Lowsley
3421 South 283th
Auburn, Wash. 98002

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing twenty copies of the King County
Charter synopsis which you requested this morning.

We are sorry to have available only one copy of the
map, which we hope you may be able to duplicate.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Moyer, Executive Secretary

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September 23, 1968

Mr. Jay Becker
Weyerhaeuser Lumber Co.
Snoqualmie Falls, Washington, 98066

Dear Mr. Becker:

Regarding your inquiry about the county charter, I have enclosed a copy of the charter and a synopsis. Undoubtedly one of the most significant departures from the past commission form of government is the separation of the executive and legislative functions. One of the most difficult problems that the county has had in the past is the fact that these two major areas have been the responsibility of a three-member board. The charter establishes these two branches with corresponding checks and balances much like the relationship between the governor and the legislature. The result of such separation is the sharpening of responsibilities along with a more representative government.

Another significant feature of the charter is the creation of a career service which will "open the door" to the input of new professional talent in the county service.

These are the major areas. There are a number of other significant changes that will make this proposed government more effective, such as the creation of a board of appeals, the establishing of an office to receive citizen complaints, and the elimination of numerous statutory boards and commissions which places greater responsibility for policy in the elected county council. I think these areas I have mentioned could be featured in an article and if you wish any further information, please let this office know.

Very sincerely,

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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September 26, 1968

Mr. Walter E. Berg, District President
Aerospace Industrial District Lodge No. 751
5502 Airport Way South
Seattle, Washington 98168

Dear Mr. Berg:

I have tried unsuccessfully to reach you by telephone to discuss the proposed Home Rule Charter that has been drafted by the Board of King County Freeholders.

I know that you and your organization are deeply interested in the modernization of King County's government. This interest was evidenced by the careful and thorough screening by your legislative committee of the candidates for Freeholders prior to the November, 1967 elections. We hope you will give as careful consideration to the product of the Freeholders' deliberations; and if you conclude, as we have, that the Charter offers an opportunity to bring substantial improvement to the administration of our local government that you will give it your support and will encourage your members to aid in its passage.

Enclosed are two copies of the Charter as adopted by unanimous vote of the Freeholders on September 6th. It has been certified to the general election ballot and will be before the voters on November 5th. If I or other members of the Freeholder Board can be of any assistance to you in your review of the Charter, please let me know.

We hope within a short time that a volunteer citizens organization will be formed to promote the Charter. I would like very much to have you be a member of such a group. I recognize that you have a very busy schedule and may not be able to devote any time to the work of the committee, but I am certain that the use of your name as a member of the committee will be of great assistance to the committee in its work.

Mr. Walter E. Berg
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September 26, 1968

I would appreciate very much hearing from you. You may reach me through the Freeholders' office at MA 3-5556, or you may call me at my office, MU 2-8770.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD E. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RAA:hg

Enclosures

September 30, 1968

Mr. Bob Palmer
c/o Phillips-Exeter Academy
Exeter, New Hampshire 08633

Dear Bob:

Sorry to have missed you before you left for New Hampshire. I wanted to thank you for the help you have given the Board of Freeholders. You came at a time when we were desperately in need of additional manpower, and your assistance was gratefully received.

Best of luck in your studies this year, and I hope you continue to maintain your interest in local government. When you return to Seattle, perhaps a new era of county government will be on its way. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Charter in its final form.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosure

September 30, 1968

Mr. Bill Newman
Northshore Citizen
P. O. Box 548
Bothell Branch
Bothell, Washington

Dear Mr. Newman:

In response to your phone call, enclosed is a copy of the commissioner district map and a Charter synopsis. If you have any questions regarding the interpretation of either the map or the Charter feel free to call me.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosures

October 1, 1968

Professor Arvo Van Alstyno
College of Law
University of Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah 84112

Dear Professor Van Alstyno:

I have your letter of September 17, 1968, requesting information concerning my role in local governmental reform and charter drafting.

My experience has been as chairman of the Board of King County Freeholders, a fifteen-member charter commission elected in November, 1967 to prepare and propose a home rule charter for King County pursuant to the 21st Amendment to the Washington State Constitution. While our effort will have no direct effect upon the governmental structure for the City of Seattle, it may be of some interest to you as you embark upon a charter effort for Salt Lake City.

King County has an area of 2,298 square miles, of which about 25% is National forest and another 25% is privately-owned forest land. About 8% of the total area is covered by water. The estimated population as of April, 1968, is 1,183,000, of which a little less than half is in the City of Seattle. There are 29 smaller cities in the County, with a total population of roughly 300,000. The remainder of the population, although largely urban in character, lives in incorporated areas of the County. In addition to the cities in the County, there are nearly 200 special-purpose taxing districts, including school districts, a port district, and many small districts providing municipal services to the unincorporated area of the County.

Presently the County is administered by a three-member board of county commissioners who are nominated from geographic districts of approximately equal population, and who are elected in county-wide elections. Also elected at large are a County Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, Clerk, Superior Court Judges, Treasurer, Assessor, Auditor, Coroner, County Board of Education, and Superintendent of Schools. A myriad of boards and commissions serve in both advisory and administrative capacities in carrying out the County's functions.

October 1, 1968

A proposed home rule charter for King County was rejected in November of 1962. That charter would have provided a "Council-Manager" form of government for the County, with seven councilmen elected in non-partisan elections---three from within the City of Seattle, three from the outside, and one elected at large. The manager would have appointed all department heads (except those whose election may not be affected by a Charter). The biggest controversy at that time seemed to center on the office of the Assessor, since the Washington Constitution requires assessment at 50% of true and fair value and actual practice is that assessed valuations are approximately 20% of fair market value. As a result of this discrepancy there is widespread fear that an Assessor appointed by the administration would be under considerable pressure to raise assessment levels in order to provide more funds from the local property tax.

Probably spurred by alleged mishandling of a courthouse remodeling project, a group of citizens began an effort to spur governmental reform again in 1966. The county commissioners refused to call for an election of "freeholders", so an effort was made to place the matter on the ballot via the initiative process. As evidence of the interest, over 35,000 signatures were gathered, but the Washington Supreme Court ruled that the number of signatures was inadequate to place the measure on the ballot. Over 200 candidates had filed for 15 positions on the charter-drafting board, however. Recognizing the interest in reform, the county commissioners agreed to call for an election of a board of freeholders in November, 1967. In spite of an increased filing fee and a requirement that candidates file for a numbered position, there were nearly 100 candidates for 15 positions. Following our election last November, we held over 50 meetings, both for orientation and background, and for deliberation; and, with the assistance of an executive secretary and an attorney retained as our counsel, adopted, on September 6th, a proposed charter. The charter will be submitted to the electorate in King County on the November 5th ballot. The matter has aroused considerable interest locally; and home rule charter efforts are under way or under consideration in several other counties of the state. I expect the success or failure of our effort may set the course for other counties.

I am not sure of the nature of your effort, but wish you well in your undertaking. There is a wealth of literature on local governmental reform, and I found it very helpful to study the course of efforts in other areas of the country. Several books have been written on the Nashville-Davidson County experience, and you may find one or more of them of interest. As general background in any charter-drafting effort I commend to your consideration two books which you may already have. One is entitled "Modernizing Local Government", and is available at a cost of \$1.00 from the Committee for Economic Development, 711 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y., 10022. The other is "A Guide for Charter Commissions", and is also available at a price of \$1.00 from the National Municipal League, 47 East 63th St., New York, N. Y., 10021.

Prof. Van Alstyne
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October 1, 1963

Enclosed is a copy of the final draft of the King County Charter. I would be pleased to answer further questions or discuss with you our experiences in this charter effort. While I am sure some of our activities will not be relevant to your situation, some of the considerations are bound to be similar.

Best of luck to you.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RHA:hg

Enclosure

THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

SALT LAKE CITY 84112

COLLEGE OF LAW

September 17, 1968

Mr. Richard R. Albrecht
% Holman, Marion, Perkins, Coie & Stone
1900 Washington Bldg.
1325 Fourth Ave.
Seattle, Wash. 98101

Dear Mr. Albrecht:


Dick Young has advised me that you were instrumental in the work of preparing the proposed new charter for Seattle. Since I am involved in a similar study and project here in Salt Lake, I would greatly appreciate it if you would send me any available publications relating to the Seattle project, including, if possible

- 1) the draft of the proposed new charter
- 2) any background studies or analyses explaining its genesis and content
- 3) anything else which, from your experience, might be helpful to our Salt Lake project.

If there are documents of interest, but which are in scarce supply, I would appreciate it if you could send me one copy for my Xeroxing and immediate return to you.

I will be looking with interest at the future developments in the Seattle area. Somehow, you people up there have already done a lot in the way of showing what can be accomplished in restructuring local governmental arrangements through interlocal cooperation. Best wishes for continued progress.

Sincerely yours,



Arvo Van Alstyne
Professor of Law

October 3, 1968

Mr. Ed Jacobson
"Public Pulse"
Radio K I R O
2807 Third Ave.
Seattle, Wash. 98121

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

This will confirm our telephone conversation regarding the appearance of Mr. Richard Albrecht, Mr. Simon Wampold, and Commissioner John Spellman on your Monday, October 7th "Public Pulse" radio program.

I have indicated to each of the three participants that they should be at the studio by 7:45 p.m., and that the program will run from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Albrecht, who is the Chairman of the Freeholder Board, is an attorney in private practice in Seattle and a graduate of the University of Iowa law school; Mr. Wampold is also an attorney in Seattle, a graduate of Harvard law school, and is the Vice-Chairman of the Freeholders. Commissioner Spellman represents the 3rd (or North) District of King County, and was formerly an attorney in private practice in Seattle.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

October 7, 1968

Commissioner John T. O'Brien, Chairman
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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October 8, 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Ed Munro
FROM: Paul R. Meyer

Attached is a suggested speech outline which touches on the major areas of the proposed charter.

The question and answer sheet contains those questions which were asked during a TV interview last week, and I have marked with an asterisk the questions which seemed to be of greatest interest by virtue of being repeated at subsequent meetings.

SPEECH OUTLINE FOR COMMISSIONER ED MUIRO

I. Background.

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2. The present state legislation concerning county government applied equally to all of the 39 counties in the State. Necessarily, a form of county government which is suitable for San Juan or Waukegan counties will be inappropriate for King County, which has a population larger than 15 states.
3. By adopting and periodically amending its own charter, the voters of the county can create and maintain a form of government which is most appropriate for the changing needs of the county.

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1. The executive branch is headed by the county executive, who is elected by the voters of the county, and he is assisted by a county administrative officer who is appointed on the basis of his professional qualifications.
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III. SEPARATION OF POWERS.

1. The charter proposed by the Freeholders provides for the separation of legislative and executive powers. These powers are presently combined in the Board of King County Commissioners. When the same body is responsible for both adopting and implementing ordinances, the legislative function frequently suffers, since the present Board of County Commissioners has both legislative and executive powers. The charter proposed by the Freeholders provides for the separation of legislative and executive powers.
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October 18, 1938

Mr. John Clarke
Washington State Law Enforcement
Training Commission
205 East 14th Street
Olympia, Washington 98501

Dear John:

Recently the deputy sheriffs of King County, as evidenced by the enclosed copy of a Seattle Times clipping, have opposed the proposed King County Charter (copy enclosed), which is being submitted to the voters this November 5th.

Their arguments are basically very narrow---they charge that the appointment of the sheriff is a disenfranchisement of the voters' rights, and that the present sheriff's civil service system will be wiped out by the articles contained in the proposed Charter.

The Charter establishes the county executive officially as the law enforcement officer, and places the administration of law enforcement in the Department of Public Safety. The Sheriff's Civil Service System is not eliminated, but is continued automatically (Section 970.50) for two years; and thereafter the County Council will decide whether the sheriff's employees should be integrated with the county personnel system. Any rights and privileges which have been established under their present civil service system will not be denied to the deputies, and it is not the intent of the freeholders to affect the rights regarding retirement or promotion.

Would you be willing to comment upon the proposed Charter specifically as it deals with the law enforcement provision? I recognize this may put you in a difficult position in your dealings with the Sheriff, and if you would prefer to call me and discuss this matter I can be reached at either MA 3-5556 or MA 2-5900, Ext. 557.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

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MEMORANDUM

TO: John Porter, King County Administrator

FROM: Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary
King County Freeholders

DATE: October 24, 1968

I have checked the possible positions in all King County departments which might be vacant. In a quick review of the records available in the County Auditor's office, the following departments reveal various amounts which represent one or more positions unencumbered as of October 1, 1968:

Renton District Court	\$ 9,600
Superior Court	6,120
	1,500
Engineer	5,125
	1,240
	5,790
	5,400
	2,700
	10,800
Properties	5,400
Sanitation	1,800
	2,500
Planning	4,440
	3,600
	3,300
	6,000
	2,310
Probation	1,400
	6,000
	<u>3,768</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 88,793</u>

November 4, 1968

Dudley, Hardin & Yang
1921 Minor
Seattle, Wash. 98101

Attention: Mrs. Yang

Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I wish to thank you for the use of the negative which was used on the cover of the proposed King County Home Rule Charter (copy enclosed).

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosures

November 6, 1968

Commissioner Ed Munro
BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
B U I L D I N G

Dear Commissioner Munro:

Congratulations on your reelection as a King County
Commissioner!

On behalf of the Freeholders, I want to express our ap-
preciation for your interest and support during the course
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indication of their desire for a reorganization of the
structure of King County's government.

There will be many decisions to be made, much work to be
done, in preparing for an orderly transition to the Charter.
I am personally willing to lend whatever assistance you may
consider appropriate in planning for an orderly change.

I am sure the other Freeholders and the members of the staff
will do likewise.

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM

November 6, 1968

TO: All Freeholders

FROM: Richard Albrecht, Chairman

Congratulations for a job well done!

I think each of you can consider the vote on the Charter a vote of confidence in the way you represented the people of King County in our deliberations.

I have assured the County Commissioners of full cooperation and assistance on the part of all the Freeholders in making the transition as orderly as possible.

I am sure you all agree that it will take capable, qualified elected officials to make best use of the tools provided in the Charter. We should all be thinking of potential candidates and encouraging the best-qualified to seek election. The job will be doubly difficult because of the recent strenuous election campaign.

Thank you all again for your fine cooperation and your strong support for the Charter.

November 6, 1968

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RRA:hg

November 7, 1968

Mr. John Donaho
John Donaho & Associates
10 Light Street
Maryland National Bank Building
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear John:

The sizeable vote on the Charter, which passed by approximately a 68% majority has given King County an opportunity to do many exciting and new things---whether or not the Council and Executive will be people with vision or people with a "status quo" attitude remains to be seen.

You might be interested to know that some of the Freeholders have already begun to seek out someone to run for Executive, and hopefully they will turn up someone of stature in this community. I'm sure that there will be some Freeholders running for the councilman positions.

Perhaps you have already received a prospectus from the County regarding a personnel survey. Approximately \$150,000 has been budgeted in 1969 for a personnel survey and classification system, and I believe John Porter is now in the process of screening prospective firms. I would think that your firm would be high on the list of those being considered for such an undertaking.

We appreciate all of the help that you have given to the Freeholders, and I am convinced that the Charter is a stronger and more complete document as a result of your contribution.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

November 7, 1968

Mr. John Vandevanter, Editor
The "Scanner"
18601 Pacific Highway South
Seattle, Washington 98188

Dear Mr. Vandevanter:

Thank you for your telephone call regarding the County Charter. Your article in the "Scanner" was most timely and helpful in acquainting labor with the contents of the Charter.

I am enclosing a copy of the Charter and accompanying fact sheet as you requested, and a copy of Jerry Bergsman's article which appeared in the "Seattle Times" November 1st.

I concur with Bergsman's analysis. I was there when he talked to Mr. Gogerty of Urban Data Services and saw the maps which they prepared subsequent to the adoption of the Charter and the proposed councilman districts.

The rumor that the proposed districts were predominantly Republican cannot be substantiated in fact. Gogerty's data clearly indicates that the nine councilman districts are balanced politically based upon 1960, 1962 and 1964 election returns.

If this office can be of any further assistance to you, please let us know.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosure

November 8, 1968

BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402 King County Courthouse
B U I L D I N G

Gentlemen:

As you may recall, when the Freeholders' staff was hired last February, the position filled by Mrs. Helen Grigsby as secretary to the Board of Freeholders was filled from a vacancy which was under the budgetary control of the Board of King County Commissioners.

Mrs. Grigsby has proven her value over the past ten months in a number of important areas---namely, meeting the public in a courteous and gracious manner, taking shorthand at a very rapid rate, and displaying mature judgment in handling sensitive matters.

There is no doubt in my mind as her immediate supervisor that she should be retained beyond the terms of her contract and that she should be given responsibility in connection with the implementation of the County Charter.

I trust that the Board will use her skills and recently-acquired Charter knowledge in the best manner possible, now that the Freeholder office has fulfilled its purpose.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: John Porter

November 8, 1968

Mr. Allen Moore
National Association of Counties
1001 Connecticut Avenue Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Allen:

Our long and arduous task is completed. The Charter was submitted to the King County voters on November 5th, and was passed by a resounding 68% of the vote! The next phase is the implementation, which must take place within six months as required by the Washington State Constitution.

I would be more than delighted to write an article for the National Association of Counties, which you may want to use in any number of ways for other counties considering the home rule process. I will be working on such an article, reviewing the process that took place here, and if you have any particular aspect of home rule which you would like to see emphasized, please let me know at your convenience.

King County will soon be putting on a new mantle; and, hopefully, strong and vigorous leadership will come forth in this county to set it in the right direction.

I will look forward to hearing from you soon.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

November 8, 1968

James B. Kennedy, Chief Civil Deputy
KING COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
B U I L D I N G

Dear Jim:

On behalf of the Freeholders and myself, I want to thank you for all the help you have given in assisting us with the county Charter. Without the speed and quick response which you and your staff, especially Bill Paul and Bill Smith, provided in the preparing the proposition and various technical matters, the Charter very likely would not have been given the wide public dissemination which was so necessary for a full understanding.

If there is any assistance that I personally can provide to you, whether I'm working here or elsewhere, please feel free to call on me. There may be occasions when in your work in interpreting the Charter you may want to go back to the deliberations of the Freeholders to find out their intent. We have made tapes of all of the sessions, and those will be a matter of record as backup to the official minutes of the Freeholders.

Again let me express my appreciation of the pleasure it was working with you.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mr. Bill Paul
Mr. Bill Smith

November 8, 1968

Mr. Bennett Feigenbaum
Pacific Northwest Bell
1603 Exchange Building
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Ben:

On behalf of the Citizens' Committee, I want to thank you and the Telephone Company for providing a room and telephone service during the Charter campaign. Your staff was very helpful in providing us with assistance when we needed it, and there was no difficulty in getting mail delivery to the Citizens' Office.

I hope you will personally keep abreast of what is happening to the Charter in its implementation period. The success of the first four years will depend largely on the quality of the people who will be filling the positions of county councilmen and the county executive, of course.

Very sincerely,

Virginia K. Gunby

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KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

402 KING COUNTY COURT HOUSE

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104

RALPH R. STENDER
CLERK OF THE BOARD

November 13, 1968

Mr. John E. Hammond, Chairman
Budget Advisory Committee
B U I L D I N G

Dear Sir:

The Board of County Commissioners in regular session on November 12, 1968 received two letters from Mr. Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary of the Board of King County Freeholders, requesting the retention of his services, as well as the services of Mrs. Grigsby, in connection with implementation of the County Charter.

The Board referred this matter to the Budget Advisory Committee for checking and recommendation to the Board by November 15, 1968 at 9:30 a.m.

Attached hereto are copies of the abovementioned letters.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ROBERT A. MORRIS, Clerk of Board

By: Ralph R. Stender, Deputy

RRS :mm

Attachments (2)

cc: Mr. Paul R. Meyer, Exec. Secretary
✓ Board of King County Freeholders

November 7, 1968

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

Gentlemen:

With the passage of the County Charter, the work of the Freeholders is completed---and there now remains the task of implementation. Judging from very recent contacts through this office, there will be a great deal of further work needed to guide the Charter through a successful first year.

Back-up documentation to the Charter, which includes research memoranda, verbatim tapes and minutes, need to be put in order---and also memoranda prepared to certain existing county departments, such as the election department, administration, and the prosecuting attorney, directing various sections of the Charter to their attention and working with them on interim matters.

Another important area of concern is preparing articles about the Charter, and filling speaking engagements which already have been requested through this office. The King County Charter has many unique features which none of the 37 charters in this country have. It would be a distinct asset to this county to publicize what has occurred these past ten months.

Based on what is known about the Charter, there will undoubtedly be legislation proposed during the 1969 session affecting the status of King County as a home rule county. To adequately protect the home-rule status, those involved with the Charter will no doubt be called upon to testify on behalf of King County.

These are a few of the transitional activities as I see them. There will doubtless be greater demands made as the County approaches the effective date of the Charter on May 1, 1969. I would be willing to spend additional time working with the County in a consulting capacity. If you wish to continue my services, it would be best that I know before November 10th, which is the termination date indicated in your letter of October 8, 1968.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRH:hg

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November 8, 1963

Mrs. K. R. Galle
8027 - 43rd Northeast
Seattle, Washington 98115

Dear Virginia:

I want to thank you for the tremendous help that you've been to me personally, and to the Freeholders, over the course of our deliberations.

There were many times when without you help our work would have really bogged down, and I am quite sure we would not have given the Freeholders as thorough a job without your invaluable aid.

I hope that our relationship will not end with the completion of the Charter, but that we may keep in touch. If there is anything I can do to assist in your work, please let me know.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

November 8, 1968

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for the very excellent coverage which your newspaper has given to the Charter and the deliberations of the Freeholders these past ten months.

I am confident that the passage of the Charter on November 5th was due in large part to the information which was provided to the public through the printed media. I trust that in the months to come, during which the Charter will be put to the test of practical politics, your paper will continue to give the same excellent coverage that it has in the past.

If this office can be of any further assistance, please feel free to call on us.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

November 8, 1963

Mr. Payton Smith,
Attorney-at-Law
Dexter-Horton Building
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Payton:

On behalf of the Citizens' Committee for the King County Charter, I want to thank you for the contribution given to the Citizens' Committee by the Committee to Modernize County Government.

Without the substantial contribution, perhaps the Charter would not have been adopted. I hope you will continue your interest in the implementation of the Charter.

The success of the home rule county will depend largely on the people filling the councilmen and county executive positions.

Very sincerely,

Virginia K. Gunby

November 8, 1968

Dr. Ernest Miller, Director
Graduate School of Public Affairs
266 Smith
4515 Northeast 71st
Seattle, Washington 98105

Dear Ernie:

On behalf of the King County Freeholders and myself, I want to thank you for the tremendous help that you've been from the very beginning of the Charter movement. The Freeholders were, I believe, set in the right frame of mind with the session which you and the faculty put together---and your comments on the Charter were extremely helpful in pointing out the potential for the Home Rule Charter.

I hope that the arrangements which you and John Porter have discussed will be carried out to completion. I feel the planning budgeting area is going to be most crucial to the Charter County. If the executive is going to take action with any confidence, he is going to need the backup that a good budgeting and planning system can provide.

I know that you will maintain your interest in the County. The success of the Charter is going to depend largely on the quality of people who will be running for the council and county executive positions.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

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PRM:hg

November 13, 1968

To celebrate the successful passage of the Charter, the Freeholders have planned a no-host cocktail party for the Freeholders, staff and friends, to be held the evening of Friday, November 22nd, at 6:30 p.m., in the "Purple Room" of the Sherwood Inn, which is located just off the Freeway on 45th Northeast.

Enclosed is a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please let us know as soon as possible whether or not you will be able to attend. See you November 22nd!

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

PLEASE CHECK ONE -

I will attend the Freeholders' no-host
cocktail party November 22nd

I will not attend the Freeholders' no-
host cocktail party November 22nd

Signed _____

November 18, 1968

Professor Roland L. Hjorth
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
Law School
Room 16 - Smith Hall
Seattle, Washington 98105

Dear Professor Hjorth:

Sometime ago you were kind enough to offer to Mrs. Virginia Galle your copy of "Report of the Constitutional Convention Commission - Maryland, 1967", for the use of the Board of King County Freeholders. We wish to thank you for lending this book to us, and it has been used often for the information and background material it contains.

We would appreciate it if we could keep the book as a part of the Freeholder materials. However, if you wish to have it returned to you, we will make arrangements to obtain a copy for our own use.

Thank you again for your kindness.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

November 26, 1968

BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
402 King County Courthouse
Seattle, Washington 98101

Gentlemen:

In accordance with action 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. Stuen 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 \$6.00 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 1968 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 micro-film index noting that such tapes are on file. In view of the fact that some of the libraries designated for copies may not have micro-film facilities, it is recommended that Xerox copies be made available for their use.

Very sincerely,
BOARD OF KING COUNTY ATTORNEYS

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Virginia Gault, 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

March 8, 1968

As you probably know, the Board of King County Freeholders has been meeting with County officials and others to learn more of the operation of County Government. Before we begin serious deliberations on any portion of the Home Rule Charter we are to prepare, we believe it is important that we hear from other persons and from the public concerning matters to be dealt with in a Home Rule Charter for King County.

For this reason, we are scheduling a series of public forums, the first of which will be on Saturday, March 16th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse. We will ask the persons and organizations appearing at that hearing to concentrate their remarks on the legislative body of the County Government. The enclosed list of questions is intended to provide a guide to the areas we would like to have covered at the hearing. We welcome your views on other aspects of the Charter; but in order to give everyone an opportunity to express his views on the legislative body, we urge that remarks on other aspects of County Government be kept to a minimum. We will welcome written presentations on any subject; and, of course, we will be holding further hearings to receive comments on other sections of the Charter.

If you or a representative of your organization will be planning to attend the March 16th forum to make some comment, or offer your views, we would appreciate your letting us know in advance; so that we might prepare a tentative schedule that will give everyone an equal opportunity to be heard.

If you have any questions concerning our procedure or the forums, please come to our office at Room 905-A of the King County Courthouse, or telephone the office at Ma 3-5556. You may also call me directly at MU 2-8770.

We hope to see you on March 16th.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS


RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

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BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Questions for Consideration at Public Forum

March 16, 1968 - 10:00 a.m.

Room 402, King County Court House

Subject: THE COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY.

1. What should be its size?
2. How should they be chosen?
 - a. by district?
 - b. at large?
 - c. combination of above?
3. What should be the length of office?
4. Should they be elected on a partisan or non-partisan basis?
5. How should they be compensated?
 - a. per diem?
 - b. salary?
 - c. combination of above?
6. Should they be considered part-time or full-time officials?
7. Should they be given any powers and duties beyond the passage of ordinances and policy guidelines?
 - a. administrative (which areas?)
 - b. judicial or quasi-judicial (which areas?)

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

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

March 19, 1968

NOTE: This letter & attached list mailed to regular mailing list (128 on list) this date.

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The Board of King County Freeholders will be holding their second Public Forum on April 2, 1968, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bellevue Public Library. The focus of our attention will be the County Chief Executive.

The enclosed list of questions will provide a guide to the areas we would like considered at the Forum. We hope that you or a representative of your organization will be able to attend the April 2nd Forum.

If you or your representative are planning to attend the April 2nd Forum, we would appreciate your letting us know in advance so a tentative schedule may be prepared. For further information you may contact our office at Room 905-A King County Courthouse, Telephone MA 3-5556. You may also call me directly at MU 2-8770.

We hope to see you April 2nd, at the Bellevue Public Library.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

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Attachment

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

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

March 26, 1968

TO: All County Elected Officials and Department Heads.

FROM: Board of King County Freeholders.

We have now been functioning for nearly three months, and we believe a report of our activities is in order. This means we will attempt to highlight our progress, some of which is known to all of you.

On February 5th, 1968, we opened our offices at Room 905-A of the court house with Helen Grigsby on duty as our secretary. On February 13th, she was joined by our Executive Secretary, Mr. Paul Meyer, who was formerly assistant executive secretary of the Washington Association of County Commissioners.

Last week the Superior Court Judges approved the agreement between the County Commissioners and the law firm of Short, Cressman & Cable to provide us with legal assistance in the person of John Strasburger and other members of that firm.

Since January 1, the Freeholders have met on 22 occasions, including meetings with nearly all department heads and elected officials.

We have held one public forum on the subject of the county legislative body, and are planning several more to cover other aspects of county government before preparing a preliminary draft.

We have met with persons instrumental in the drafting of charters in Multnomah and Washington Counties in Oregon, and discussed the functioning of those charters with the present chief administrator from each county.

We have heard from Mr. William Allen, Toronto Council Chairman; Mr. Bernard Hillenbrand, National Association of County Officials Executive Director; Mr. Ed Michaelian, Westchester County, New York, Executive; and Mr. Mike Gleason, Chairman of the Multnomah County, Oregon, Commissioners... who were visiting Seattle in connection with regional planning seminars at Pacific Lutheran University and the Western Regional Meeting of the National Association of Counties.

TO: All County Elected Officials
& Department Heads

March 26, 1968

We expect soon to be deliberating on some of the major issues to arrive at tentative positions to be incorporated into a rough working draft of a charter. Many of you were not afforded an adequate opportunity to express your views on various aspects of county government; partly because of tight scheduling, and partly because of an emphasis in many of the earlier meetings on orientation and familiarization of the Freeholders with current county operations.

We would like each of you to give us your opinions and to have an opportunity to discuss them with us either publicly or privately. Some of you have already presented written reports expressing your views and the reasons for them. If you are able to attend any of our public forums, we would be happy to see you and to afford you time at the beginning of the session. Would those of you who would like to meet with us again informally please call Mr. Meyer at Extension 557, to arrange a mutually convenient time. We are most anxious to have a frank exchange of views with you who are a part of the daily operation of county government, and we will attempt to accommodate our schedules to suit your convenience.

We are here to serve the same masters---the people of King County. We hope we can work together to bring them a home rule charter that will provide the framework for good county government for a long time to come.

Let us hear from you.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS


RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

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*note: This letter delivered
as mailed to all
K.C. Dept Heads this date -
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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

March 28, 1968

*This letter
mailed to 134
K.C. Water & Sewer
Districts.
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As you know, the Board of King County Freeholders has been meeting for the past few months in preparation for the drafting of a home rule charter to be submitted to the voters of King County. We have met with most of the elected officials and department heads of the county, and have begun a series of public forums to give individuals and organizations in the county an opportunity to express their views concerning provisions to be included in the charter.

While the effect of charter provisions on other local governmental units may be only indirect, we are anxious to obtain as much information as possible concerning the relationship between the county and other units of local government. We would therefore welcome any comment that you or other members of your commission or staff may have concerning the operation of county government and its relation to the operation of your district. We would like to make improvements where possible, and also to avoid the creation of new problems by any provision included in the charter.

If you would like to express any views to the Freeholders, you may send them to our office at Room 905-A of the King County Courthouse, and we will see that each of the Freeholders is provided with a copy of your report. If you would prefer to meet with the Freeholders either publicly or privately, please telephone our Executive Secretary, Mr. Paul Meyer, at MA 3-5556, or you may call me directly at MU 2-8770. I am certain that we can arrange a mutually convenient time for a discussion with you or your representative.

If at any time during our deliberations you have questions concerning our activities, or would like to comment on our deliberations, please give us a call. We shall look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Richard R. Albrecht
RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

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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

April 1, 1968

Note: This letter was mailed on April 2, 1968, to 28 King County mayors (all except Mayor Braman of Seattle) and the Chairman of the Munic. of Metro. Seattle Council.

As you know, the Board of King County Freeholders has been meeting for the past several months in preparation for the drafting of a home rule charter to be proposed to the electorate of King County. Most of our meetings have been with representatives of the present County administration and with experts from other parts of the country. We have also begun a series of public forums to give interested citizens and organizations an opportunity to express to us their views concerning the contents of a home rule charter for the County. hg

While many aspects of County government do not directly affect the cities in the county, the relationship between the governmental units in the County appears to be an important area for our consideration. We would appreciate your reaction or that of others in your city administration to the present structure and operation of County Government, and would like the benefit of your recommendations concerning charter provisions that might bear on the relationship of the county to the city.

We would welcome you or your representative at any of our public forums, and we would be happy to accord you an early position on the program. If you would like to submit your comments to us in a written report we will see that it is distributed to all of the Freeholders and considered in our deliberations. If at any time during our deliberations you have questions or would like to express your views, please call Mr. Paul Meyer, our Executive Secretary, at MA 3-5556, or call me directly at MU 2-8770.

We are interested in your views and hope we will be hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS


RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

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BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Questions for Consideration at Public Forum

April 2, 1968 - 7:30 p.m.

Bellevue Public Library

Subject: The Chief Executive

1. Should the individual be separately elected? Why?
2. Should the individual be appointed by a legislative body? Why?
3. Should the executive be a voting member of the legislative body? Why?
4. Should the executive have a veto?
5. What should be the length of office?
6. What should be a minimum compensation?
7. Should the office be partisan or non-partisan?
8. Should the executive be allowed to appoint all department heads and to remove them?
 - a. Should the legislative body have any control?
 - b. Should confirmation be required?
9. What powers and duties should be given to the executive?
10. Should any requirements of office be specified in the charter for appointment or election?

April 5, 1968

The Board of King County Freeholders will be holding the third and fourth in a series of public forums on April 18th at 7:30 p.m., in the Kent City Hall, and on April 24th at 7:30 p.m., in the Shoreline High School "Little Theatre".

The April 18th forum will be for the purpose of considering views on a personnel system under the county charter.

The April 24th forum will be concerning the establishing of departments and considering whether such department heads should be elected or appointed.

If you or a representative of your organization plans to attend either forum, we would appreciate knowing in advance so that a tentative schedule might be prepared.

The attached lists of questions for each forum will provide a guide to the areas we would like to have covered at the forums.

If you have any questions concerning our procedure, or about the forums, you may contact our Executive Secretary, Mr. Paul Meyer, at MA 3-5556; or call me directly at MU 2-8770.

We hope to see you on the 18th and the 24th of April.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

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Attachments (2)

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Questions for Consideration at Public Forum

April 18, 1968 - 7:30 p.m.

Kent City Hall
Kent, Washington

Subject: A Personnel System for the Charter County.

1. Who should have responsibility for administration?
 - a. The legislative body?
 - b. The Executive?
 - c. A separate commission?
2. Assuming the appointment of a personnel director, to which group or individual should he or she be responsible?
3. Which body should be responsible for personnel policy?
4. Should any restrictions be placed in the charter upon recruitment?
 - a. Residency?
 - b. Voter?
 - c. Years in county?
5. Assuming the creation of a commission, should it be advisory or authoritative?
6. Should any positions be exempted by the charter from a personnel system?
7. Are there any provisions you would like to see written into a personnel section of the charter?

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Questions for Consideration at Public Forum

April 24, 1968 - 7:30 p.m.

Shoreline High School
"Little Theatre"

Subject: Establishing functional departments and determining
which heads should be appointed or elected.

1. Assuming the creation of the following divisions of county government, which should be headed by an appointive or elective supervisor? Would you advocate a different division or suggest additional departments be specified in the charter?

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>ELECTION</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>
A. Public Work		
B. Finance		
C. Public Safety		
D. Medical and Social Services		
E. Administrative Services		
F. Other		

2. Among the existing county offices, which can be altered by the Charter, which do you think should remain appointive and which elective? Please give reasons for your choice.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>ELECTION</u>	<u>APPOINTMENT</u>
A. Assessor		
B. Auditor		
C. Clerk		
D. Coroner		
E. Sheriff		
F. Treasurer		

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

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

April 9, 1968

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We hope to see you on the 18th and the 24th of April.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS


RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

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BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

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Kent, Washington

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BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

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B. Auditor		
C. Clerk		
D. Coroner		
E. Sheriff		
F. Treasurer		

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

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

April 23, 1968

To: All County Elected Officials and Department Heads

From: Board of King County Freeholders

Since the last letter to you on March 26th, the Board of Freeholders has held two additional public forums covering the chief executive and a personnel system. Orientation sessions have continued along with other public meetings, in order that the Freeholders can learn more about King County government as well as other home rule forms throughout the county.

We have begun to deliberate on certain charter sections, and have reached tentative conclusions on the legislative body, and the chief executive. Tentatively, we have concluded that the legislative body should be full-time, consisting of nine members nominated and elected by geographic districts on a partisan basis.

The executive would be elected in a county-wide partisan election. We think provision should be made in the charter for a professional manager chosen by the elected executive to assist him.

These tentative decisions may be changed later, depending on their relationship to other sections of the charter yet to be developed.

This week we will be holding the fourth public forum on Wednesday, April 24th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Shoreline High School "Little Theatre". The subject will be the establishment of functional departments for King County and will include consideration of whether such departments should have elected or appointed department heads. You are encouraged to attend this forum as well as any of the deliberative sessions. Saturday, April 27th, we will be reaching tentative conclusions on charter provisions dealing with a personnel system. This is a follow up to the public forum on the same subject held last Tuesday, April 18th, in Kent.

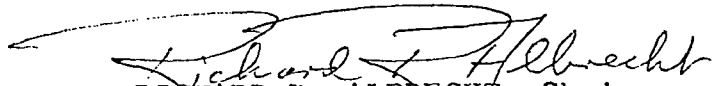
TO: All County Elected Officials
and Department Heads

April 23, 1968

We continue to be interested in any views you would care to express to us concerning charter provisions. If any of you would like to meet with us, please contact Paul Meyer, our executive secretary, at Extension 557.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS



RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

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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

May 2, 1968

To: All King County Special
Water, Sewer & Fire Districts

Since our last letter to you, which was mailed on March 28th, several local governmental units have requested an opportunity to appear before the Board of King County Freeholders.

We are scheduling a meeting on May 14th, at 7:30 p.m., in Room 402 of the King County Courthouse, for the purpose of hearing presentations from water, sewer and fire district representatives. If you or a representative wish to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact either myself at MU 2-8770, or our executive secretary, Mr. Paul Meyer, at MA 3-5556, so that we may arrange the agenda.

We hope to see you on May 14th.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS


Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman

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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

May 2, 1968

Thank you for your letter expressing your views regarding the operation of the Coroner's office.

The Board of King County Freeholders met on May 1st, with representatives of the Coroner's office and the Washington State Medical Association. The operation of the Medical Examiner System was very ably presented by Dr. Lowell White of the King County Medical Society and Dr. William Brady, the appointed Medical Examiner of Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Board will be deliberating on May 11th and 18th to determine the establishment of departments under the charter and whether the heads of such departments should be elected or appointed.

We appreciate your interest in our work, and wish to thank you for taking the time to submit your views.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS



RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

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

August 2, 1968

TO: All Program Chairmen and Club
Officers of King County

This coming November, the citizens of King County will be asked to approve a Home Rule Charter which would substantially change the present form of county government. The changes which will be proposed have been carefully prepared by the fifteen Freeholders who were elected last November and have met on at least fifty occasions over the past eight months.

The proper functioning of the democratic process requires an informed electorate. Public acceptance of new programs, like the recent "Forward Thrust" campaign and the forthcoming county charter depends on information which is made available to each citizen, so that he or she may vote intelligently.

Your organization can make a substantial contribution to the educational process by including in your program discussions of the proposed county charter. The Freeholder office will make all possible resources available to your organization and can provide you with a speaker to discuss the Charter, the changes it would bring about, and the reasons they are necessary for an improved county government.

The enclosed synopsis reflects important areas of the draft charter now being discussed. The Board will continue to meet throughout the month of August and will have a draft in final form early in September for certification on the November ballot.

While provisions contained in the synopsis are subject to change, they will provide some indication of the new directions the Board of Freeholders would like to see taken in King County in the administration of its government.

For further information, please contact our executive secretary, Paul Meyer, at MA 3-5556 or MA 2-5900, Ext. 557.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS


RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

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Enclosure

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