

Part I

Sec. 5

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For Presentation to  
THE BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

7 August 1968

My compliments. The preliminary draft of a charter for King County is excellent. It obviously represents a well-reasoned and thorough effort. It provides a forward-looking and flexible organization that will be representative and responsive to the needs and requirements of our changing times.

You have deliberately provided for the separation of powers so vital to the preservation of our system of representative democracy. My purpose is to present for your consideration a refinement in the separation of duties between the Administrator and the legislative body.

I am convinced that the most efficient, responsive and flexible government is obtained when the legislative body establishes on at least an annual basis the objectives, purposes and goals of County government. These can then be implemented in the form of authorized plans, programs, services and policies.

*along with their relative priorities.*

As a practical matter, the Administrator is in a better position to initiate these. To give the legislative body equal footing, it must have the duty by charter to contract for its own advice and counsel. Independent consultants must be available on such matters as the Law, administrative organization, performance and efficiency evaluation, fiscal accounting and controls as well as personnel policies and practices.

The Organization to administer county government must be responsive to changing plans, programs, services and policies. To make the Administrator totally responsible, he must have the ability to organize and reorganize employees, equipment and emphasis of the County government effort. He must be free of the internal politics and one-upmanship involved in requesting ordinance-approval from the legislative body each time he wishes to make an organization change. He must be free to win or lose at the polls on the basis of his administrative leadership, abilities and performance.

Two other practical problems are present when the administrative organization is rigidly defined by charter or ordinance. As a function of a department becomes obsolete or falls way down the list of priorities, there is tremendous natural reluctance to abolish the function and reorganize the department even when this becomes highly desirable. Organization and procedures become-- too soon--inflexible and unresponsive when they are rigidly defined.

Priorities are extremely important toward achieving the first of the three efficiencies of government. Priorities assist in answering such questions as:

Are the most important, necessary and desirable jobs being done?

Are we doing some jobs that we could probably do without?

The second efficiency involves doing the approved job in the easiest and least expensive manner. Involved here are the organization, direction, coordination and procedures as well as use of equipment and office space. The legislative body must have independent advice and council to evaluate how well the Administrator is doing at this second kind of efficiency.

The third efficiency involves County employees. Jobs are only done by individuals. Are these individuals well trained? Are they stimulated and challenged by the assignments given? Are they able to develop and advance to their best capabilities? The legislative body must have independent advice to successfully answer these questions.

In summary, the organization structure must not be rigidly defined by charter or ordinance. The legislative body must have the tools to establish and evaluate the performance, efficiency and direction of County government.

In conclusion, the charter is a credit to each of you.

*Frank Matz*



## WASHINGTON STATE CITY MANAGERS' ASSOCIATION

FROM THE OFFICE OF  
L. Joe Miller  
City Manager,  
City of Bellevue

August 7, 1968

Board of King County Freeholders  
King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

Inasmuch as I will be absent from the County at the time of your second hearing, I am taking the liberty of writing my comments and offering them for the Freeholders' consideration.

On the whole, I think the charter is of unusually good quality and the Freeholders are to be commended. The residents of King County will be most fortunate if this document is placed before them.

I will mainly comment on those things which I think need additional improvement, but this is not to suggest that my primary reactions are negative. As a City Manager I was disappointed in the Freeholders' decision to recommend an elected executive. From a realistic point of view, however, I must admit that the residents of King County are probably not sufficiently prepared to accept an appointed executive inasmuch as there has been no work-up by the press and there would, of course, be violent objection by the entrenched political parties. I think that the provision for the elected executive has been well handled and the administrative official will be a useful technique although it should not be considered as a substitute or the counterpart of a county manager.

My one general reaction to the charter is that it contains some redundancy and includes items such as Section 120 which is already provided by general law. I think it is a mistake to unduly lengthen the charter by the inclusion of unnecessary material.

Section 130 is an excellent idea to clarify the type of legal construction that the charter involves. I would strongly urge reconsideration of the composition of the legislative branch. I think nine members is the proper number but I hope that you will drop the idea of nine separate legislative districts. I would strongly suggest that there be five legislative districts and four commissioners at large. Even in the case of the District Commissioners, I would urge that nomination be by district, and election at large.



I am apprehensive about Section 220.50 in that it appears to permit the commissioners to issue any kind of order to the other branches so long as it is done through an ordinance. I suggest that additional wording be supplied to indicate that the commissioners cannot enter into purely administrative affairs even through the enactment of ordinances.

I note in Section 230.10, and also in other sections, that no account has been taken for the handling of routine ordinances, including those which are non-discretionary. This section requires that public hearings be held on all ordinances and elsewhere the charter provides that all ordinances require 45 days before taking effect. There is also provision for submitting all ordinances to the referendum procedure. I think each of these provisions is inappropriate with respect to routine or nondiscretionary legislation and unduly and unnecessarily prolong the legislative process. A case in point is the provision in the state law that requires the County Commissioners to pass an ordinance affecting the annexation of an unincorporated area to a city or town. If such an annexation has already been approved by the electorate, the county legislative authority has no discretion in this matter and it would be meaningless and unusually harmful to require the hearing and a 45-day delay. It would also be a serious mistake to permit such a measure, once it has been approved by a majority of the voters involved, to be brought back to the electorate through the referendum procedure which requires only ten per cent. I think it is inappropriate, if not illegal, to provide for the veto of such measures by the county executive.

There are probably a host of other nondiscretionary matters handled by the County Commissioners. I think the handling of the executive department has been very well thought out and should provide a most important structure. I also like the proposed method of handling some of the implications and think it will go a long way towards streamlining this often cumbersome procedure.

Section 475 provides that the County Executive may transfer certain current expense appropriations when requested to do so by the agency concerned. I suggest that you drop the requirement that the agency must request it inasmuch as the executive should have the power to over-rule his department heads on such matters.

Section 490 provides for inter-fund borrowing and requires the approval of the County Commissioners. I suggest that the executive have this power if the term of the loan does not extend beyond the end of the fiscal year.

Section 540 provides for the hearing of appeals and authorizes the court to reinstate employees, etc. I did not observe any reference to standards with respect to either the removal or discipline of employees or the decision by the Board to overrule the appointing authority. I think it is appropriate to define these rules in a charter or to at least make reference to the standards against which the system will be administered.

Section 560 prohibits political activity on behalf of candidates and I suggest that it also includes a ban of activity against candidacies.

Section 630.30.50 provides for suspension of commissioners' compensation upon failure to redistrict. As I read it, the commissioners ultimately get their money back. This does not seem entirely realistic and I would suggest that the provisions be tightened up to provide for an earlier suspension of compensation with no return.

Section 660.10 lays out provisions for declaring a commissioner's office vacant under certain conditions. I would suggest that you add to the list of causes repeated unexcused absence (either 3 or 5) without permission. I would suggest that 660.20 be revised to provide that elected officials or those appointed to unexpired terms serve only until the next election, irrespective of the length of the remainder of the term.

Section 820.10 is too tight to be realistic. Some provision should be made for county officials to be permitted to accept very small gifts such as lunches, dinners, etc. This section would appear to prohibit a free cup of coffee.

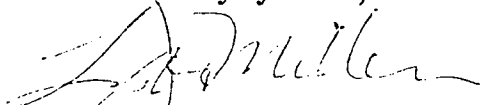
Section 840 on anti-discrimination should contain a prohibition against discrimination for political reasons.

Section 970 of the Board of Appeals provides for 7-year terms which, in my opinion, is too long for membership on such a board. In the first place, it will be difficult to get people to accept such a long assignment and second, it is too long to wait for a bad choice to expire. Four-year terms would, in my opinion, be adequate.

Section 980 provides for the reorganization of the administrative offices and executive departments and various shifting of powers and duties. No mention is made of the executive who should be involved in these changes. He does, of course, have a veto which offers him some protection but I would suggest that no changes of this kind be permitted without the executive's consent.

Again, let me commend the Freeholders for the excellence of their draft. My comments have been offered in the spirit of contribution for what they might be worth and certainly not as an expression of criticism and dissatisfaction.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. Joe Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

L. Joe Miller  
President

LJM:fs

5503-20th Ave. S.  
Seattle, Wash. 98108  
August 14, 1968

The King County Freeholders.

Dear Sirs:

You, the King County Freeholders, have reached tentative agreement to elect future County Commissioners by district. The only reasonable validity for such election is to reflect composite community interests.

The line you propose between Districts 5 and 7 on your plan reflects neither community or neighborhood lines. It is strongly against the identity of the long established community known as Beacon Hill. It serves Rainier Valley no better. Even within neighborhoods it separates the smaller affluent section, from which the neighborhood might expect to draw its candidates, from the larger mass.

As I will refer to census tracts, I am compelled to point out two present tracts are totally misleading. Industrial encroachment has reduced Tract O-3 to a ribbon without relevancy. Its abolition is overdue. Tract P-2 is in need of division in Rainier Ave. S. I believe the separation between Second Hill and Beacon Hill obvious. For these reasons I use my own arbitrary estimate for Beacon Hill, placing that portion of O-3 east of the Freeway and south of S. Dearborn St. and that portion of P-2 west of Rainier Ave. S. upon Beacon Hill. For fuller use I would suggest proportionating the portions of these tracts entailed divided by precincts.

Were some reason to exist to compell lateral division across Beacon Hill and Rainier Valley, the transferring of Tract R-2 (1964 pop. estimate, 7,600) into District 5 and Tract Q-3 (1964 pop. estimate, 6,200) would preserve neighborhood unitier, not totally crippling either politically.

Such transfer serves no more than immediate neighborhoods and is not adequate to serve the interests of Beacon Hill or Rainier Valley.

To serve Beacon Hill, it all should be extracted from District 5 to augment District 7. To serve Rainier Valley, it all should be extracted from District 7 to augment District 5. (Considering its size I propose no revision of District 6.) I believe the total population shift reasonable, a S. Dearborn St (approximating)-Rainier Ave. S-Empire Way S. line augmenting District 5 by perhaps 4,000 persons at the expense of District 7.

District 7, as proposed, being largely West Seattle, includes 15,800 persons upon Beacon Hill and 17,200 persons in Rainier Valley. Neither community could carry weight in a district of 130,000 persons. Estimating, District 5, as proposed, includes 13,000 persons upon Beacon Hill and 15,400 persons in Rainier Valley. Again neither fractured partial community could carry influence in a district of 130,000. The cumulative result is both Southeast Seattle communities are silenced in your proposed Commission. Were Beacon Hill combined to represent 28,800 persons and Rainier Valley to represent 32,600 persons, each could earn a just weight in district matters.

I do not wish to sound punitive. I believe it a fact unreasonable proposed district lines soured both Beacon Hill and Rainier Valley upon the last proposed County Charter revision. This proposal, as published in the Seattle Times, appears more irrelevant. Visually, your proposed south boundary to District 5 appears as the carving of a knife passing through a slab of butter creating "the handle to defeat the charter."

I trust this letter may prove of service to your deliberations.

Sincerely yours,  
*Charles A. Custer, Jr.*  
Charles A. Custer, Jr.,  
Boundary Chairman,  
CUB-H  
(Committee to Unify  
Beacon Hill)

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August 17, 1968  
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Board of King County Freeholders  
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Attention: Chairman R.R. Albrecht

Executive Secretary P. Meyer

Gentlemen:

Appreciation is hereby expressed for and receipt of your complimentary letter of Aug. 9, 1968 is hereby duly acknowledged.

In connection with the Congressional Studies being made in the State of Washington, there has been disclosed a condition of apparent lack of full understanding of respect for and enforcement of the Constitutional Rights of the People of the United States. Also, there exists an apparent lack of full understanding of the legal liabilities of persons --- holding public offices in the State --- who commit acts of "deprivation of Constitutional Rights under color of law".

Accordingly, the attached Memorandum has been prepared --- based on a preliminary study --- and same is being presented to enlighten all members of the Board in their final draft deliberations.

This Memorandum relates to the question of constitutionality of Sec. 630. 20 (located on page 26 of the Working Draft - King County Charter) re: NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS --- Partisan County Officers.

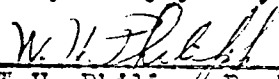
The latter part of the Memorandum sets forth the Federal Statutes in re: "Constitutional Rights enforcement".

To insure timely and prompt delivery of the Memorandum for your scheduled Monday meeting of the entire Board, this Memorandum has been transmitted by Certified mailing.

It is respectfully requested that a careful deliberation be accorded to the material presented in the attached Memorandum, which has been submitted as a "public service" to the Board and the People of King County.

Very truly yours,

Encl: Memorandum

  
W.H. Philipp, Participant in Congressional  
Studies on Constitutional Rights &  
Judicial Improvements.

P.S. Gradually, it is being "driven home to persons holding Public Offices" that U.S. Taxpayers --- having been denied and deprived of Constitutional Rights, meaning, denied the rendition of Governmental Services by Public Officers or Employees --- do resort to reprisal action in the form of "failure to make a full self-assessment of their Federal Income Tax Liabilities". No one pays for a service, private or public, that is not rendered. Field studies in this State have so disclosed such reprisal action by U.S. Taxpayers, so aggrieved. Pursuant to sec. 5 of the 14th Amendment, it is an obvious responsibility and obligation of the Government of the United States to enforce the Constitutional Rights of the People of the United States, when so denied by State action.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Members of the Board of King County Freeholders  
Room 905-A  
King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Wash. 98104

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RE: Preliminary Working Draft - King County Charter

Page 26 -- Section 630.20 Nomination and Election -- Partisan County Officers

Since the matter of drafting and enacting of laws falls within the scope of Congressional Studies pertaining to Constitutional Rights, a preliminary study was made on the question of the possibility of Section 630.20 being "repugnant" to the State Constitution, Art. 1, sec. 12 -- "SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES PROHIBITED", sec. 19 --- "FREEDOM OF ELECTIONS", and Art. 11, sec. 4 --- "COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATION, re: mandatory compliance with State Constitution".

It is to be granted that by a mere casual reading of State Law, RCW 29.18.020 --- "PARTISAN PRIMARIES", ONLY, major political parties may participate " --- would appear to be supporting authority of law to propose Section 630.20, supra.

But, a careful study of the construction of said statute raises the question of whether it "squares with the State Constitution", specifically, Art. 1, sec. 12, which mandates no law shall be passed ---- which includes the drafting of a County Charter --- granting special privileges, which it is obvious on "its face" that State Law, RCW 29.18.020, <sup>does not.</sup> The construction of the statute prescribes "ONLY ( that is discriminatory construction) THE NAMES OF MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES SHALL ( that is mandatory in its discrimination against other minority political parties or persons, and mandatory in the enforcement of the exercise of the so granted special privilege) BE ENTITLED TO APPEAR UPON THE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT AFTER THE CANDIDATES AFFILIATED THEREWITH. THE NAMES OF NO OTHER POLITICAL PARTY SHALL APPEAR THEREON. ( that is barring all others from participation unless they submit to an affiliation with a major political party)

On its face, is not this statute an "obvious denial and deprivation of the 14th Amendment EQUAL RIGHTS exerciseable by all other political groups and all other citizens, severally, who desire to exercise their Elective Franchise, as prescribed by U.S. Civil Code, Title 28 U.S.C. 1343 and State Const. Art. 1, sec. 19 - "ALL ELECTIONS SHALL BE FREE AND EQUAL", as mandated by Art. 1, sec. 29 - CONSTITUTION MANDATORY ?

Yet, can it be ignored that such construction of RCW 29.18.020 does abrogate and abolish the "constitutional guarantee of FREE AND EQUAL ELECTIONS", and does grant SPECIAL PRIVILEGES, which are specifically PROHIBITED by Art. 1, sec. 12.

It is this kind of "legislated" discrimination in favor of particular persons or group of persons as against others in like circumstance, material to their rights, that fall within the prohibitions of the "Equal Rights" and "Equal protection of the law" Clauses of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

In regards to the enforcement of 14th Amendment Rights, the following United States Supreme Court decisions are cited, as supporting authority, namely:

- VIRGINIA v. RIVES, 100 U.S. 313
- BAKER v. CARR, 369 U.S. 186
- ALLGEYER v. LOUISIANA, 165 U.S. 578
- UNITED STATES v. CRUIKSHANK, 92 U.S. 542
- TRUAX v. RAICH, 239 U.S. 33
- SHELLEY v. KRAMER, 334 U.S. 1

In light of the above material, and a re-examination of "grant of authority", set forth in express words of Art. 11, sec. 4. (second paragraph) "Any County may frame a "Home Rule" charter for its own government subject to the Constitution" (meaning, not repugnant to the Supreme Law of the Land, as expressed by Art. 1, sec. 2, to be the Constitution of the United States, so mandated by Art. 1, sec. 29.) does it not warrant the Board's re-consideration and re-drafting of Section 630.20 -- NOMINATION and ELECTION of County Officers --- in order to comply with the prohibitions of State Constitution, as set forth above ?

In light of the U.S. Supreme Court's position in re: "the right of every person to be informed of his Constitutional Rights", it must not be overlooked that this, also, pertains to the "right of each person or persons --- acting under color of law --- to be informed of his or their Civil and Criminal liabilities for any act or acts constituting "denial and deprivation of Constitutional Rights of any person or persons" and "impairing, obstructing or defeating the lawful functions of the Governments of the United States, pursuant to its Constitutions". The applicable statutes are, namely; Title 42 U.S.C. 1983 - "Civil action for deprivation of Rights"; Title 18 U.S.C. 242 - "Deprivation of Rights under color of law"; Title 18 U.S.C. 371 - "Conspiracy - two or more persons -- impairing, obstructing, or defeating lawful functions of Constitutions protecting Constitutional Rights."

In light of the above, it is respectfully requested that each member of the Board of King County Freeholders be so informed of their Constitutional Obligations so that each will give due deliberation to the importance of adopting a process for the nomination and election of County Officers that will "guarantee free and equal rights"

to all persons, regardless of political or non-political affiliation, to file a Declaration of Candidacy for any Public Office so created under said King County "Home Rule" Charter.

Let it not be overlooked that the State Constitution, Art. 1, sec. 1 specifically, confers "all political powers to be inherent in the People of the State of Washington". Therefore, all public offices, created under any "Home Rule" charter pursuant to such exercise of said political powers, is the property of all of the People, and each, severally, has the inherent right to file a declaration of Candidacy for any public office so created. Art. 1, sec. 3 -- PERSONAL RIGHTS -- guarantees the exercise thereof, as well as the 5th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution under the "liberty to contract" clause.

DATED this 17th day of August, 1968.

Respectfully submitted as a "public service to the members of the Board and the People of King County,



W.H. Philipp, Participant in Congressional Studies on  
Constitutional Rights & Judicial Improvements.

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Renton, Wash. 98055



# King County Harborview Hospital

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August 14, 1968

Mr. Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary  
Board of King County Freeholders  
905 - A King County Court House  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Thank you for your call on Tuesday regarding the relationship of the County Hospital System to the Board of King County Freeholders. This is to confirm the invitation to you to attend the Board of Trustees' meeting on Thursday, August 22, 1968, at 1:00 P.M. in the Board Room here at Harborview Hospital. The subject material regarding the Freeholder Proposed Charter, as it relates to public health, will be placed as number one item on the agenda. It is understood that Mr. Albrecht may accompany you to the meeting.

From an administrative point of view, it would appear to me that it would be wise to clarify the relationship of county health responsibilities so that the funding processes may be developed as appropriate. The King County Harborview Hospital continues to operate under the Statutes of the State of Washington, Chapter 36.62, as passed in 1931. This allows for the passing of bond issues for a county hospital and the appointment of a Board of Trustees by the Board of King County Commissioners. Any change in the organization of the county would, therefore, seem to have some impact on the organization of the hospital. Although the chapter allows for the allocation of up to two mills for the operation of the hospital, this was revised in the 1950's when the care of the indigent changed from a county to a state responsibility. However, the law still states that the hospital is to take those who do not have the ability to pay, but by a change in regulations the hospital does not have the funding for this.

With the advance of Federal programs in the area of Medicare, and also Medicaid, the funding of the hospital became more complicated. There is no longer an umbrella budget such as the hospital had. Effective July 1, 1967, the hospital (1) is being paid for services rendered to the medically indigent on a cost basis and (2) received a biennial state appropriation to continue the operation of the hospital as a teaching resource for the University. It was also effective July 1, 1967, that a contract commenced between the Board of

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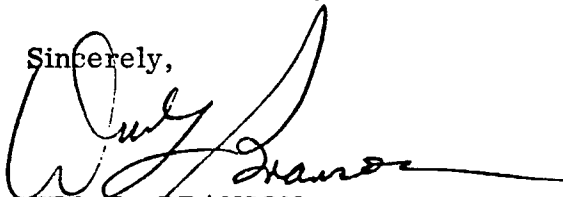
Mr. Paul Meyer

August 14, 1968

Trustees of the hospital and the Board of Regents of the University of Washington for the University to manage the hospital under the policies of the Board of Trustees. This contract, which is for the biennium 1967 to 1969 will be up for reconsideration when the Legislators meet early next year.

I believe this very brief summary of the hospital activities is enough to indicate that the hospital probably has more than a passing interest in any change in county government. I will look forward to meeting you at the Board of Trustees' meeting and hope that the above information will be of some assistance to you.

Sincerely,



WM. L. BRANSON  
Administrator

WLB/kw

cc: Mr. Olson

August 15, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

I have seen a copy of your proposed King County Charter, as released under the date of July 18th, 1968. The paragraph on Page 14 stating:

"350.20.30. Department of Public Health and Welfare.

The department of public health and welfare shall administer all health and welfare programs under the control of the county including all medical services necessary to assist the department of public safety", has attracted our attention.

I am cognizant of your sincere desire to streamline and improve the present King County government set-up. There is a real need for a change in the present arrangement. However, a couple comments and questions come to mind, and I will ask them.

(1) It is our understanding that the use of the term "welfare" is not synonymous with the time-honored functions of "Public Assistance" as now performed by the King County Welfare Department. We do not have the staff or would I be enthusiastic to attempt to administer the "King County Welfare Department" if this were the intention of the freeholders. Therefore, I suggest deletion of "and welfare", the section to read Department of Public Health.

(2) Does this simple paragraph, 350.20.30, abolish the Firland Tuberculosis Hospital Board? This Board was created by State Statute in 1945 in order to (a) enable a combination of separate and competing city and county tuberculosis hospitals, placing them under one unified county board. (b) To remove the service of TB patient care from the direct administration of the Board of County Commissioners. It was the conclusion of the 1945 Legislature that patient care and politics don't mix--so the creation of the Firland Board as a buffer has been very helpful during these years since 1945. I would regret to see it eliminated or at least some kind of an advisory committee would be a minimum to replace it.

Regarding the King County Hospital, you may receive a communication directly from the King County Hospital Board, or from their business manager, Mr. William Branson. I am sure that the abolition of this Board will leave a vacuum that is important to be filled.

In summary, in my opinion the laudable attempt to be brief--as exemplified in 350.20.30, leaves a framework so thin that very important health functions of the future

Mr. Richard R. Albrecht

August 15, 1968

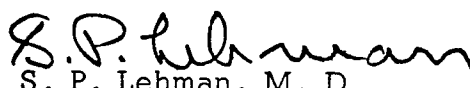
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may not be cared for as well as in the past. I would be happy to learn more of your ideas. I understand that you hope to have a release date of September 4th for your Charter and begin to push your community-wide educational campaign at that time.

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss with representatives of your Freeholders the place of the Health Department in the Charter, elimination of "welfare" and also the subject of elimination of the Firland Board.

Thank you for the opportunity for discussions and I realize that the time is growing very short.

Sincerely yours,



S. P. Lehman, M. D.

Director

Seattle-King County Dept. of Health

PL:jsw

Re: King Co. Charter:

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KENT, Wash. 98031.  
August 16, 1968.

To the 15 Freeholders:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It has been noted that the United States Supreme Court has handed down a new one-man-one-vote decision since you began your labors on the proposed King County Charter. The new ruling is reported to require the extension of the one-man-one-vote rule to all the Local Governments (Counties, Cities, etc) in the United States as well as to the Congressional Districts.

Some of us believe that the most efficient way to conform to this new ruling is by providing that County Commissioners be elected at large by numbered Position, as the County Judges and Seattle Councilmen now are, rather than by Districts; the lines of which would need to be redrawn and reestablished prior to every County election.

It is also believed that if there are to be nine Commissioners, it would be better to have three year terms of office, and annual elections, with three Commissioners coming up for election each year. Thus the Ballots could be kept shorter than now, and the Public constantly alerted to its duties of informed voting. Public ignorance and apathy are the greatest dangers to be faced in our republic.

One thing not mentioned in my letter of February 21<sup>st</sup> was this: Might it not be well to provide that the County Grand Jury shall meet at regular intervals to inquire into what is going on, rather than on rare occasions as currently done?

Respectfully submitted

CHARLES R. STARK - 1315

Mr. Wilton M. Whisler  
121 South 168th  
Seattle, Washington 98148  
August 20, 1968

Board of King County Freeholders  
905-A King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Attention: Mr. Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

The efforts and dedication required of each of you in developing the current draft for a King County Charter are not, I'm sure, fully realized by many of the electorate. My hat is off to you. You are to be commended for the comprehensive work you have done.

In reading the draft I received on attending the hearing on July 31, several questions arose. They are:

1. In Section 240.10, page 6 (3rd line from bottom), should not the intent or scope of the word "support" be made more explicit?
2. In Section 350.10.10, page 12, should not "the prescribed accounting procedures to be used by the county" be subjected to more than one person's prerogative; e.g., commissioners. I'm sure the Municipal Finance Officers Association has some publication of a system of accounting recommended for local governments. National uniformity can, as you know, be both a boon and a bane.
3. In Section 470.20, page 20 (and perhaps elsewhere), what constitutes an emergency and whose responsibility is it to determine when an emergency exists?

NOTE: A current issue is a good example. The commissioners had to declare an emergency existed in order to hold a special election for the stadium bonds and all other issues voted on last February.

4. In Sections 630.30.10 and 630.30.20 page 27, should not the limits on permissible differences in district population be explicit? What is or is not "approximately equal"?
5. In Section 670, page 29, is an itemized statement of contributions, pledges, etc. meant to be an itemization by categories or by individual contributions. To me, the first is of little value, the latter is impractical. Perhaps only contributions exceeding a specified total from a single individual should be itemized; others lumped. Such a limit should apply to individuals' contributions through special committees and organizations as well; that is, contributions to a committee or organization on behalf of a candidate should be subjected to the same requirement. Then how do you prevent circumvention by several contributions to different committees or organizations, when each contribution is less than the limit for itemizing. Also, does reporting amounts serve any real purpose, or is the names of the donors the really pertinent information?

6. Why is the Department of Planning uniquely privileged to "perform other related duties assigned to it by ordinance or by the county executive"?
7. Is not Section 410's provision for appropriation, tax, and revenue ordinances to become effective if not adopted within 45 days after presentation by the county executive in contradiction to Section 460's provision requiring a public hearing?

NOTE: In regard to public hearings, the basic intent of any requirement to hold a hearing would seem to be nullified if the notice is required only in the official county newspaper; namely Issaquah. (Reference: Study of King County Government, 4th edition, 1966, League of Women Voters, page 25). Even though it may not be appropriate in a charter, it appears to be a necessity to specify minimal acceptable criteria for publicizing notices of general interest. Our elected officials decry the public's apathy, but procedures like that cited for notices makes me wonder if they are placing the blame where it belongs. Also, is it possible to require notices by the county of any hearings conducted by higher authorities to which the county is a member; e.g., Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Authority, Metro, Puget Sound Governmental Conference. Also subordinated bodies like the King County Planning Commission should be included. What provision does the Charter allow for participation in higher authorities such as Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Authority, Puget Sound Governmental Conference, etc.?

In addition to the questions cited above, I submit the following comments:

1. I agree with the representative of the county employees (statement presented on July 31 on Section 560) that county employees should not be barred from working for or contributing to any candidates of their choice for county office. This should not be permitted during working hours or on any property used for county operations.
2. I would rather see an elected county auditor than an assessor. I believe any elected official (commissioners and executive) realize it would be suicide to start appropriating more monies just because they were available if the assessor should be forced to assess at the 50% rate required by constitution. An auditor, through independent audit and reporting, can be a more effective 'watch dog' over county expenditures than an assessor who chooses to wink at upholding the law.
3. I agree with the freeholders (Mr. Friedlander and Mr. Wampold I believe) who advocate that persons should be permitted to file as independent candidates. I would not abolish filing as a partisan candidate as now permitted, however.
4. I do not agree with specifying salaries in the charter as was reportedly approved in the August 19 meeting.

I'm sure all of you realize your work is not completed when you approve a final proposal. Your efforts will be for naught if the electorate is not sufficiently informed to intelligently evaluate your proposal. I hope the success you have had in drafting an excellent charter will continue through to the election.

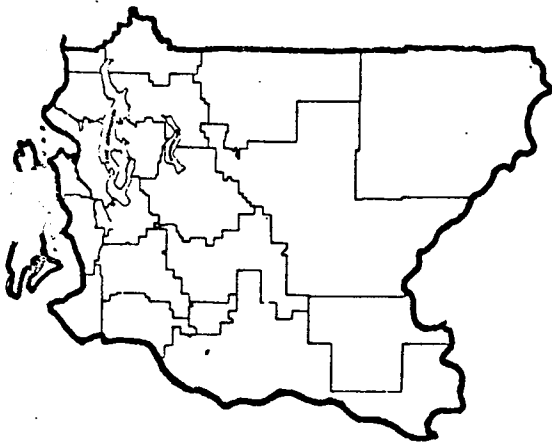
Respectfully yours,

*Wilton M. Whisler*

Wilton M. Whisler

cc Terrance McKenna





# SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT IX

King County Court House Unit No. 2  
100 Crockett Street  
Seattle, Washington 98109  
ATwater 4-3660

ROBERT J. MARUM  
CHIEF DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

DONALD L. KRUZNER  
SUPERINTENDENT

WILLIAM F. SHELLEY  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

August 21, 1968

## School Districts

Auburn 408

Bainbridge Island 303

Bellevue 405

Black Diamond 190

Enumclaw 216

Federal Way 210

Highline 401

Issaquah 411

Kent 415

Lake Washington 414

Lester 195

Lt. Snoqualmie Val. 407

Mercer Island 400

Northshore 417

Redmond 403

Seattle 1

Shoreline 412

Skykomish 404

Snoqualmie Valley 410

South Central 406

Tacoma 409

Vashon Island 402

Mr. Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary  
King County Freeholders  
905-A King County Court House  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your cooperation in calling the matter of continued support of exempt offices to the attention of the Freeholders. I believe the action taken by the Freeholders on this matter will help greatly in clarifying the future services of our office dependent on county funds.

Thank you also for the copy of the publication prepared by the Division of Governmental Studies and Services of Washington State University. I have turned this over to Bob Marum and Fred Meitzer who are currently working on information for use by the schools in helping students to develop a better understanding of the nature of county government.

Sincerely,

  
Donald L. Kruzner,  
Superintendent

DLK/o-



**Weyerhaeuser Company**

Snoqualmie Falls, Washington 98066  
A/C 206 • TU 8-2511

September 26, 1968

Paul Meyer  
Executive Secretary  
Board of King County Freeholders

Many thanks, Mr. Meyer . . .

. . . for your letter explaining some of the significant benefits of the proposed new charter. I also appreciate the copy of the charter.

Your letter was just exactly what I needed to brief our employees. Your explanation of the benefits of the charter was succinct and clear and if I were to sum them up I would do it thusly; under the charter the citizen will know exactly who is responsible for any particular goof-up he comes across. Under the charter it will be easier for him to get his government to make up its mistakes.

If I have over-simplified the reason for voting for the charter, please let me know. I plan to use much of your letter in our story.

Sincerely

J. Becker  
Public Affairs Manager

JB:pt

cc: Fred Hayes, Area Manager  
Jack Geoffroy  
215 Columbia Street  
Seattle, Washington 98104

August 24, 1968  
1210 - 5th Ave. N.  
Renton, Wash. 98055

MEMORANDUM TO:

Board of King County Freeholders  
905 - A King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Wash. 98104

Attention: Chairman, Mr. R. Albrecht;

Executive Secretary, Mr. P. Meyers:

Receipt of your letter of August 22, 1968 is duly acknowledged.

The basis for transmitting my Memorandum on County Partisan Elections stems from the construction of your proposed PREAMBLE:

"to establish . . . . home rule and self-government in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Washington."

And the construction of your Section 110 -- GENERAL POWERS:

"The County shall have all the power which it is possible for a home rule County to have under the State Constitution."

In the construction of the Preamble and said Section, the Board clearly recognized the "limitations and restrictions and the GRANT OF AUTHORITY", as mandated by the State Constitution, and so exercisable thereunder. Yet, when drafting the Section 630.20 \*\*\* NOMINATION AND ELECTION --- PARTISAN COUNTY OFFICERS, the mandates in accordance with the State Constitution were overlooked. This Section does not "square with the Constitution", as set forth in my Memorandum of Aug. 17, 1968. The construction of the Section is discriminatory and "ultra vires" on its face.

Therefore, the Memorandum was prepared and presented for the Board's consideration. It is suggested that a review of the Congressional Enabling Act of 1889, sec. 4 and 8 in re: Charter of Statehood and authority to frame a State Constitution, will bring to light the "original source of grant of authority to draft the State Constitution, and all charters for any sub-divisions of government (county charters) thereunder. This is the "guide line for examination purposes" under section 5 of the 14th Amendment of U.S.Const.

In connection with the Congressional Studies, the "election canvass" of several County's Election Departments have been made, and it has been disclosed that there is an apparent "denial and deprivation of a U.S.Citizen's Elective Franchise Rights, meaning, the Right of the Voter to vote an incumbent out of Office.

Your proposed section 350.20.90, as well as Article 6 - ELECTIONS fails to provide such exercise of Elective Franchise Rights to vote an Incumbent out of the Office of Judgeship of the King County Superior Court. The present Election Process, if no Candidate files in opposition to the Incumbent, he is auto-matically re-elected. This Election process violates Art. 1, sec. 1 of the State Constitution and bars the Voters the Right to vote an Incumbent out of a Public Office. Because the local Attorneys are afraid to oppose an Incumbent Judge for fear of alleged reprisals, is no reason why the Voter should be denied and deprived of voting the Incumbent Judge out of Office.

JOHN T. O'BRIEN  
COMMISSIONER, FIRST DISTRICT

ED MUNRO  
COMMISSIONER, SECOND DISTRICT

JOHN D. SPELLMAN  
COMMISSIONER, THIRD DISTRICT

KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
402 KING COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104

RALPH R. STENDER  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

October 1, 1968

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

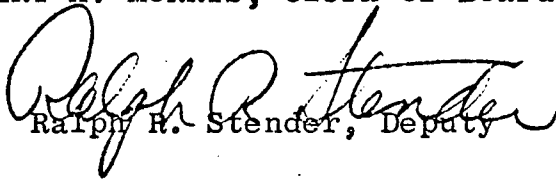
Dear Sir:

The Board of County Commissioners in regular session on September 26, 1968, unanimously approved and endorsed the proposed foreword for the proposed charter as prepared by the Board of King County Freeholders, to be included with the printing of the proposed charter.

A copy of the proposed foreword is attached.

Very truly yours,

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

By:  Ralph R. Stender, Deputy

RRS:mdl

Attachment

cc: Election Dept.  
Prosecuting Attorney

CORRESPONDENCE - SPECIAL DISTRICTS

FIRE

WATER

SEWER

# BELLEVUE SEWER DISTRICT

P. O. BOX 70

PHONE GLENCOURT 4-7901

AREA CODE 206

Office and Treatment Plant - S. E. 6th St. off 104th Ave. S. E.

BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON 98004

## A Municipal Corporation

Serving - -

City of Bellevue

Town of Clyde Hill

Town of Hunts Point

City of Medina

Town of Beaux Arts Village

Town of Yarrow Point

March 18, 1968

Freeholders Committee  
King County Building  
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

May I invite your attention to two matters in which the County Government is involved.

1. The Revised Code of Washington sets forth that the County Treasurer and County Auditor are the ex-officio Treasurer and Auditor respectively of special Districts (sewer, water, etc.). The amount of time required by the King County Treasurer and Auditor to process vouchers and write checks for our suppliers, contractors etc., would appear to be excessive. It is my understanding that they are bound by archaic laws (designed for small counties). A hardship results to new employees from the rule that District employees are paid by one payroll per month on or about the 17th of the month. Example, an individual who is employed say on March 4th does not receive a pay check (for the month of March) until about April 17th. Interim payrolls should be honored for new employees so as to reduce the waiting time for the first pay check. It would assist Districts in attracting good employees.

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The State Auditor, King County Treasurer and Auditor and their employees always strive to do a better job. I would hope that our Freeholders will be able to provide our County people with an improved, streamlined, modern and good form of County Government.

Sincerely,

BELLEVUE SEWER DISTRICT

DRW/bh



Donald R. Wilson  
Administrator

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April 9, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for your letter expressing your views about the offices of the County Treasurer and the County Auditor.

You have probably received a printed letter recently from the Chairman of the Freeholders, Mr. Richard Albrecht, inviting you to give your views on the charter.

If you feel that the comments you made in your letter are sufficient, we will make your letter a part of the record by itself. However, feel free to respond to Mr. Albrecht's letter or to attend any of the Freeholders' public forums.

Enclosed is a schedule of the meetings for the next four weeks. You may be particularly interested in the forum on April 24th, where we will be discussing elected officers.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Encl.

# BELLEVUE SEWER DISTRICT

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BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON 98004

March 18, 1968

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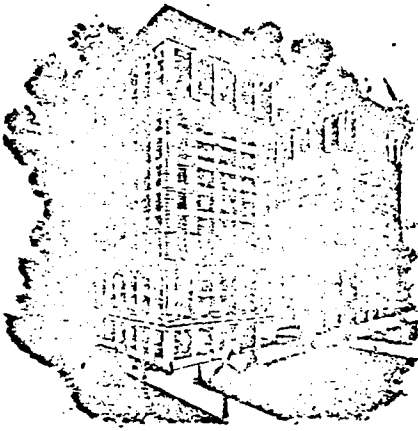
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Donald R. Wilson  
Administrator

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ZONE 4

ROBERT A. MORRIS  
COUNTY AUDITOR

EDWARD J. LOGAN, SUPT.  
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION

KING COUNTY AUDITOR  
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION  
220 COUNTY-CITY BUILDING

October 12, 1967

Bellevue Sewer District  
P.O. Box 70  
Bellevue, Wash. 98004

Attn: Don Wilson, Mgr.

Gentlemen:

We are returning herewith the Property Owners' Petition for annexation to the Bellevue Sewer District.

It is most unfortunate that not only does the Legislature continue to re-enact the law governing property owners' petitions to include "according to the records of the County Auditor...." in the new laws but this has been in the Sewer District laws since the enactment of same.

We wish to point out that there are many different offices in which ownership of property can be transferred, and therefore, the records of the County Auditor are, in effect, meaningless as far as ownership of property is concerned. It has been our recommendation that Sewer Districts, as well as Water Districts, satisfy themselves as to the sufficiency of the petition by having their engineer either check the various offices concerned, or directly with a title company.

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

Sincerely,

ROBERT A. MORRIS  
KING COUNTY AUDITOR

By

*Ed. Logan*  
Edward J. Logan  
Superintendent of Elections  
and Registration

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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

NOTE: This letter sent  
to all K. C.  
Special water,  
fire, & Sewer  
districts on 3/28/68

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.

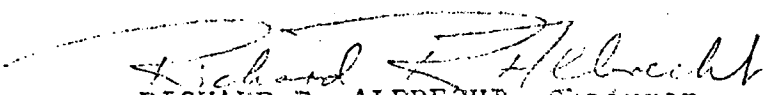
While the effect of charter provisions on other local governmental units may be only indirect, we are anxious to obtain as much information as possible concerning the relationship between the county and other units of local government. We would therefore welcome any comment that you or other members 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, Chairman

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# KING COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 107

5650 - 119TH AVE. S.E.  
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON 98004  
SH 6-0751

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HENRY F. McCULLOUGH  
PRESIDENT

PAUL C. PATTERSON  
SECRETARY

ROBERT D. DE LAPPE  
MEMBER

REPLY TO:

68-4-48

April 9, 1968

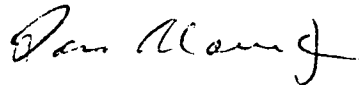
Board of King County Freeholders,  
c/o Richard P. Albrecht, Chairman,  
905 - A King County Courthouse,  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Gentlemen:

The Board of Commissioners of King County Water District No. 107 requested we write and thank you for your letter of March 28, 1968.

At this time the District has no question on your activities, however, we will keep your letter in mind and consider it as an open invitation.

Very truly yours,



Sam Macri, jr., Manager

SM/sh

# NEWPORT HILLS SEWER DISTRICT

KING COUNTY  
5650 - 119TH AVE. S.E.  
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON 98004  
SH 6-6080

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

HENRY F. McCULLOUGH  
PRESIDENT

PETER V. GULICK  
SECRETARY

FRED B. CRAWFORD  
MEMBER

REPLY TO:

68-2-227

April 11, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

Thank you for your letter of March 28, 1968, to the District inviting our views on the King County charter. Commissioner Fred Crawford will contact you directly on behalf of our Board which is interested in the charter.

Yours very truly,

NEWPORT HILLS SEWER DISTRICT

By   
Peter V. Gulick, Secretary

PVG:ss

cc: Mr. Fred B. Crawford

# BELLEVUE SEWER DISTRICT

P. O. BOX 70      PHONE GLENCOURT 4-7901      AREA CODE 206  
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BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON 98004

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City of Medina  
Town of Beaux Arts Village  
Town of Yarrow Point

April 16, 1968

Board of King County Freeholders  
Room 905 - King County Building  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Gentlemen:

Your invitation, by letter dated March 28, 1968, for the Board of Bellevue Sewer District Commissioners to express any views to the Freeholders has been referred to this office for reply.

Enclosed is a photocopy of my letter dated March 18, 1968 pertaining to two subjects.

Also enclosed is a photocopy of a letter, dated October 12, 1967, in which the King County Auditor, through the Superintendent of Elections, explains that his office is unable to comply with the State law on examination of Petitions For Annexation. Since there are attorneys among the Freeholders I need not dwell further on the necessity for having this matter corrected by either the State Legislature or the County Auditor.

Services received by this office from the various title insurance companies have been excellent. However, some of the numerous property owners who visit this office "raise an eyebrow" when they learn that the title companies rather than the County Recorder are handling "ownerships", record of assessments, etc. Perhaps consideration should be given to having the Auditor give this appropriate publicity.

The existing procedure whereby the County Auditor and Treasurer handle Sewer District matters on a twice per month schedule is not considered sufficient.

It would appear that certain County offices have developed the practice of using the telephone rather than going into writing to the Districts. The size of some Special Taxing Districts, together with the relatively large sums of money involved, would indicate that manuals be carefully drawn and issued so that all concerned County and District employees would have guide lines, rules, regulations etc.

A detailed examination of the internal rules and regulations which are being followed in some County Departments should be made without delay. In too many instances

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there is an attitude of "overworked and underpaid" with reluctance to cooperate or communicate with other departments.

This District recently responded to a telephoned request from an office in the County Building by ordering a map from the County's Map Issuing Desk (4th floor-Engineers Section). We asked if someone could take it to the requesting office one floor down. The reply was "we don't deliver". A messenger from our engineer's office drove to the County Building, picked up the map, delivered it downstairs, and then drove back to his office.

Some County employees should, in my judgment, be strongly reminded that they are in the PUBLIC SERVICE and consequently must not attempt to emulate the old overweight New Haven Railroad Passenger Train Conductors who had obviously been on their feet too long.

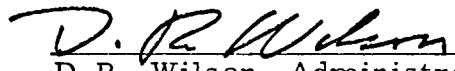
Should Chairman Mr. Richard R. Albrech, or his representative, be further interested, I should be pleased to have him telephone or visit.

Sincerely,

DRW/bh

BELLEVUE SEWER DISTRICT

cc: Agenda

  
D. R. Wilson, Administrator

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KING COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 68

EDWARD D. MILLER  
General Manager

K. B. GUEST  
Superintendent

DOROTHY L. BROWN  
Office Manager

P.O. BOX 487  
BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON 98004

OFFICE LOCATION:  
S.E. 7th and 95th S.E.  
Phone GL 4-6306  
Bellevue, Washington

April 17, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

We wish to thank you for your letter of March 28 in which you invite us to appear before the Board of King County Freeholders to comment on the effect charter provisions might have on local governmental units such as Water Districts.

At the meeting of our Board of Commissioners last evening, I was directed to advise you of our desire to make an appearance before the Board of Freeholders. We believe that we can make a constructive contribution to the deliberations of the Freeholders. We would like for you to consider a date some time around the middle of May.

We look forward to the opportunity to meet and discuss with you the common problems of municipal corporations and their future in King County.

Very truly yours,

*Edward D. Miller*

KING COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 68

Edward D. Miller  
General Manager.

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*Attorney  
for W.D. 68*

*Sent copy:  
Cantons, Botzer, Chapman  
% Frank Burkholz  
1300 IBA Bldg  
Seattle*

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COMMISSIONERS:

Lowell V. Leckenby

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Larry C. Shrout

Edward H. Flaherty

## Cascade Sewer District

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Renton, Wash. 98055  
17028 - 116th S.E.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
AL 5-4554

April 19, 1968

Board of King County Freeholders  
Room 905 - A  
King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

RE: Cascade Sewer District's Views

Gentlemen:

The Board of Commissioners of Cascade Sewer District appreciate your opportunity for it to express its views in connection with the deliberations of the Board of King County Freeholders and trust that your efforts will be successful in avoiding much of the duplication and overlapping which presently exists within County government.

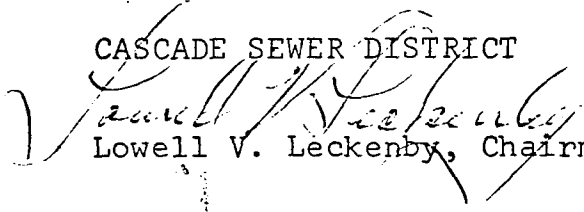
The Board of Commissioners feels very strongly, however, that the current trend toward centralization of all services in a large operation does not necessarily serve the interests of the taxpayers and property owners better than local administration of local services.

The operations of Cascade Sewer District are submitted as an excellent example of local treatment of local problems. The District uses the facilities of Metro with full appreciation for the need of this agency, but does not believe Metro or its equivalent could take the time to meet and discuss with the individual property owners the problems of line extension to his property whether one lot or a large tract, with the same feeling of his needs as is met by the present Sewer District arrangement.

While the ancient adage that "the government which governs least, governs best" may not always meet present-day circumstances, our particular services do fit that category and we do not believe more centralization or overall County treatment of this phase of government would increase either efficiency or service to the property owners.

Yours truly,

CASCADE SEWER DISTRICT

  
Lowell V. Leckenby, Chairman

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# KING COUNTY WATER DISTRICT 97

16049 N.E. 8th Street

P.O. Box 97

BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON 98004

SHerwood 6-5450

April 24, 1968

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

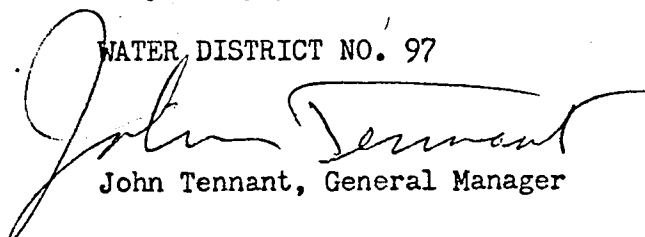
Gentlemen:

The Board of Water Commissioners asked me to thank you for your invitation for comments concerning the operation of King County Government.

The Board has nothing to add at this time, but will contact you if it has anything to add during your deliberations.

Very truly yours,

WATER DISTRICT NO. 97

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Tennant", is written over the typed name and title.

John Tennant, General Manager

JT:bw

# BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

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

May 2, 1968

NOTE: This letter sent  
to all special K. C.  
water, fire &  
sewer districts on  
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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S. W. BRETHORST (1956)  
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May 10, 1968

Board of King County Freeholders  
905-A King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Attention: Richard R. Albrecht,  
Chairman, or  
Paul Meyer, Executive  
Secretary

Re: Meeting of May 14, 1968.

Gentlemen:

In response to your invitation for representatives of Water, Sewer and Fire Districts to present their views on May 14, we have been requested by the Board of Water Commissioners of Water District No. 104, at Woodinville, to convey the views of the commissioners and to request agenda time.

It is the opinion of the Commissioners of Water District No. 104, Wallace H. Hampton, Keith M. Parks and Dr. J. S. Lingenfelter that the Charter should provide for a continuation of the existing pattern with respect to Water and Sewer Districts.

In the case of Water District No. 104, the City of Seattle's Tolt Line passes through the District and is the water source. Sewer Districts now are in a position to dispose of sewage wastes through Metro. Thus in both instances there is no duplication nor economic waste in either the source of water or in the disposal of sewage.

The primary advantage of Water and Sewer Districts is that they are responsive to the needs of the local communities. Initially, they are formed when local citizens want them. Utility Local Improvement Districts are formed only when needed and desired by the land owners.

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Commissioners are elected locally, are neighbors of the constituents and understand local problems. Commissioners normally are dedicated citizens who contribute valuable services. Only token compensation is paid to commissioners hence the public receives these valuable services at a nominal cost.

By the employment of private engineers, attorneys, financial advisors and bond counsel only when those services are required, Districts are not committed to fixed overhead costs for these services so that in slack times the public benefits by not having large staffs and surplus personnel.

During the past 20 years, the undersigned has attended numerous Water and Sewer District meetings in various capacities, as advisor, in representing citizens requesting action, or in objecting to proposals. In all of these instances, regardless of my capacity or the Water or Sewer District with which I was dealing, I have been impressed by the detailed attention given to the subject matter. This is in marked contrast to dealings with the County government or with the City of Seattle, where the sheer volume of business makes detailed consideration impossible.

The Boundary Review Board, recently established and still in its early phases of development, should provide a satisfactory mechanism for resolving problems of overlapping or duplication, and in relating political boundaries to natural service areas.


The County faces expansion of facilities of all kinds. If County government can handle its existing functions and meet the needs of the people in providing services for which the County now has responsibility, it will be quite an accomplishment. To add additional functions of fire protection, water and sewer service would be unwise, in the opinion of the Commissioners of Water District No. 104. It is my plan to be in attendance at the meeting on May 14, and I will be happy to exchange views with the Board of King County Freeholders at that time.

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In behalf of the Board of Water Commissioners of Water  
District No. 104, we wish to thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

REED, McCLURE & MOCERI

By   
Richard C. Reed

RCR/am

cc: Wallace H. Hampton  
Keith M. Parks  
Dr. J. S. Lingenfelter  
Water District No. 104

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Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary  
Board of King County Freeholders  
905-A King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Meyer:

It is a privilege to present the enclosed information to your  
Board of Freeholders.

It is my intention to be present Tuesday evening at 7:30 to  
discuss the subject of fire districts with you and your people.  
I will have sufficient copies of the enclosed letter for each  
member.

Very truly yours,



W. Ed Garner  
Executive Secretary

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Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary  
Board of King County Freeholders  
905-A King County Courthouse  
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Dear Mr. Meyer:

The following statements will tend to explain some of the functions of fire protection districts in King County. This paper will deal with past services provided by fire districts, their present operation and what could be expected in the future.

Fire districts are authorized by the laws of the State of Washington under title 52. At the time the first laws were enacted, 1933 and revised in 1939, there was a need for rural fire protection. At the present time there are 35 fire districts in King County. Some districts have been eliminated due to annexation by Cities and some other districts have been merged. There is a movement at the present time to merge other fire districts.

Fire districts are a unit of government and derive their revenue from taxation. The districts of King County at present are allowed 4 mills as revenue for their complete operations. In some instances the districts have voted special levies and general obligation bonds.

The purpose of fire districts has been to provide fire protection outside incorporated cities and towns, and in areas not protected by the State Department of Natural Resources (timbered areas) or the United States Forestry (timbered lands).

Originally, most of the area of King County was covered by forest. As Cities were built, fire departments were organized. As the rural area was developed and homes built there was the need for fire protection for structures. At present as in the past the forest service, (State or Federal) protects the forested areas. When the trees are eliminated and homes built, fire districts are organized for fire protection and as the areas grow in population and the need is present the area is annexed to an existing City or a new City is incorporated.

In most of King County we find the fire districts providing a very needed service in the period of transition from forested areas to City operations. In this transition period it would be unrealistic to expect a City to provide the services desired by the residents.



It is conceivable that within a short time all or most of the western part of King County will be incorporated within a City or Cities. Yet, there will be a need for fire districts in eastern King County for many years.

Most, not all, of the fire district officials concede that fire districts are only to serve during the transition period from forest to City.

We could, at this point, very well discuss some of the laws relating to fire protection districts and explain the reason for such laws.

Laws have been enacted, at the request of this association, providing for:

1. Merger of all or part of fire districts.
2. Fire districts may contract with Cities or another fire district for fire protection (buy or sell),
3. No fire district may include any portion of a City. When annexed or incorporated into a City, that area ceases to be a part of the fire district.
4. Boundary changes of fire districts are subject to review of the Boundary Review Board (this law was enacted prior to the provision for a Boundary Review Board enacted in 1967).
5. Joint ownership and joint leasing.
6. A method of dividing assets of a fire district with a City in the event of annexation by the City of a portion of a fire district.

The above laws were enacted for the purpose of keeping fire districts in line with the changing times. Fire districts are permitted by laws to more readily adjust to changing conditions than most any other unit of government. This provides for fire protection and an orderly method of transition from forested areas to City operation.

You have been told what fire districts can do, possibly at this point we should consider what the districts of King County have done, as compared to the Cities of King County, in fire protection. The classifications listed below is a rating established by the Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau for premiums on residential fire insurance. I would be most happy to give more detail on rating schedule if time would permit; however, the lower the classification the better the level of fire protection. The fire districts of King County have the following classifications:

Number of	Classification	Approximate saving on fire insurance from unprotected
1	4	75.3%
5	5	72 %
8	6	68 %
4	7	64 %
16	8	57.2%

Some of the Cities of King County have the following ratings:

Seattle	Class 2
Renton and Bellevue	Class 4
Auburn and Enumclaw	Class 5
Bothel, Issaquah and North Bend	Class 6



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The possibility has been mentioned many times of a County wide fire district with a taxing structure to support such a unit of government. At a glance this would seem quite reasonable, but, as we further study the proposal there are many objections. The areas to be served in King County vary as to the level of fire protection desired or possible to provide. It would be more difficult to provide volunteer firemen on a County basis than in a more local area.

It is admitted that very possibly there should be fewer fire districts in King County than the present 35. Richard Johnson and Barney Shreeve have been working toward a reduction in the number of fire districts and some actions have been taken. It could be very well established that like areas could be merged. This could be accomplished on a voluntary basis by the fire districts with more harmony than if they were forced to merge.

We have discussed the material exposures of fire district, now we should consider some of the moral obligations. Some of the fire districts (at least two) have provided the paid fire fighters with Civil Service and a realistic retirement plan. These men have served their district and people for a number of years, many have served as volunteer fire fighters. Consideration should be given to the future of these men. They are well trained and qualified. The taxpayers have provided the necessary financing for a retirement plan. It would only seem reasonable that at the time of transition from fire district to City, the men would be transferred to the City fire department, the same as fire trucks and fire stations.

As this is a rather lengthy report, it would seem that a short review of some of the points should be made.

Fire districts have been organized to provide fire protection in the interim of transition from forested areas to City.

Fire districts have in the past and will for some time continue to serve a need in some parts of King County.

Provisions should be established for the continuation of fire districts as we know them due to the difference of possible levels of fire protection in different areas.

The present employees should be considered when fire districts become inoperative due to annexation or incorporation by Cities.

I realize this is a long report and that there are many questions some of the members may have that can not be discussed or answered at this meeting; however, I would be most happy to meet again with your group to give any additional information desired.

It has been a pleasure to have the opportunity to discuss this subject with you and the members of this Board.

Very truly yours,

  
W. Ed Garner  
Executive Secretary

QUESTIONNAIRES for the 1968-69 NFPA Fire Service Directory were sent to all fire departments protecting communities of 12,000 or more population in the United States and Canada. A number of these are volunteer or part-paid fire departments, and the information received from this group provides an interesting cost comparison.

For example, the average cost per person protected by thirty fire departments composed of volunteer or call firemen is \$2.25 per person per year. With the larger paid departments, those with 100 or more paid employees, the average annual cost per person protected is \$13.69. Thus the cost of these volunteer or call departments on the average is just one-sixth the average cost for larger paid fire departments.

compared with the average number of paid men per 1,000 population in the larger departments, the individual volunteer is rendering a service to his community which would cost \$4,580 with a paid department. Considering the number of volunteer firemen in the United States (estimated at well over 1,000,000 active members), it appears that the volunteers are rendering a public service worth at least five billion dollars annually.

In the survey returns, the average population of the communities protected by entirely volunteer or call fire departments was 22,000. The average size of these departments was 89 firemen. Thirty-two fire departments, while largely on volunteer or call basis, had some paid men. Of these, fourteen fire depart-

This is just one-third of the average cost of fully paid fire departments. The average population protected by these departments is 21,500 persons. Average strength is 59 men of whom 50 are volunteer or call men. This is a reduction of 30 men from the average all-volunteer department and the number of firemen per 1,000 population protected is down to 2.74 or 1.7 times that of the larger fully paid fire departments.

It should be clear that, while the cost per person protected is substantially lower in communities using appreciable numbers of volunteer or call firemen, more men are required to be available to assure adequate manning of fire apparatus at all times. Many communities have experienced times when an adequate volunteer force has not been available and this has resulted in increasing the number of paid men in the fire department.

There are well over 22,000 volunteer and part paid fire departments in the United States. A majority of these communities are places where the scattered population and buildings would make it financially impractical to maintain adequate, fully paid fire departments.

It should be obvious from the above figures that the volunteers' very great contribution in time and effort makes possible substantial savings to the residents of their communities. However, the financial figures reported do not reflect the full budgets because many volunteer fire companies raise their own funds to buy apparatus and build stations. Nevertheless, the volunteer firemen are providing a very economical service in many communities. Where the volunteers are backed up by professional fire prevention bureaus, training officers, administrative personnel, and communications centers, the level of service rendered may be exceptionally good. Certainly, the interest and enthusiasm of the typical volunteer is something money cannot buy.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENTS — Volunteer and Part-Paid

by Warren Y. Kimball, Manager, Fire Service Department

However, the volunteer and call departments use substantially more firemen per 1,000 population protected. The average number of paid firemen in the larger departments is 1.62 men per 1,000 population. With fully volunteer or call departments the average is 4.06 firemen per 1,000 population protected — 2.5 times as many as the paid group.

The thirty volunteer or call fire departments covered in the survey are protecting 662,342 persons in their communities, so, at this average annual difference of \$11.42 per person protected, the volunteer and call firemen are saving these communities \$7,563,945.64 annually. Taking into account the number of volunteer and call firemen,

ments having 1 to 5 paid men are protecting a total of 250,887 persons at an average annual cost of \$2.83 per capita, compared with the \$13.76 average for the larger fully paid departments. These departments averaged 3.7 men (paid and volunteer) per 1,000 population and protected 2.28 times as many people as the average for fully paid departments. The average size of these departments was 66.56 men or 23 less than the entirely volunteer or call departments. The average size of community protected by this group was 18,900 population.

There were reports from 18 part-paid fire departments, protecting 387,725 people at an annual cost of \$4.59 per person protected.

# LAKEHAVEN SEWER DISTRICT

1456 DASH POINT ROAD  
FEDERAL WAY, WASHINGTON 98002



IVAN DAY  
Manager

Vernon 9-1610

May 14, 1968

Board of King County Freeholders  
905A King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Gentlemen:

The Board of Commissioners of Lakehaven Sewer District would appreciate your consideration in maintaining the following general principles in regard to sewer districts within King County.

Due to the nature of the service, it is best performed by having a geographical boundary for the district which follows, basically, the logical drainage area which it serves. In some cases this may cross City, County, or other political boundaries. Statutory authority under which the districts now operate contemplates such boundaries and authorizes independent financing for the district so that this can be accomplished without funding by City, County, or State.

The Commissioners further believe that control of the district should remain in the voters within the area served. The Commissioners must reside within the boundaries, providing greater chance that the voter will have personal knowledge of the qualities and capabilities of each commissioner, and better opportunity for personal contact with each in the event of problems or questions. Present statutes afford ample and convenient opportunity for voters within the area to voice their opinions concerning system extension and development, and the maintenance of a local office expedites transaction of business with the District.

It is felt, however, that the use of commercial banks to handle additional fiscal work for the District would eliminate considerable administrative and clerical costs in the operation of the system, and some study of the matter is indicated. If you should so desire, specific recommendations would be furnished.

The Commissioners would greatly appreciate opportunity to furnish additional opinions and factual data upon specific proposals

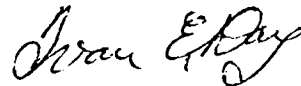
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affecting sewer districts which you may consider in the future, it being their understanding that at this time you are reviewing possible problem areas.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ivan E. Day".

Ivan Day, Manager  
Lakehaven Sewer District

KING COUNTY  
Fire Prevention Inspector's Assn.

May 14, 1968

To The King County Freeholders;

The primary function of government is to provide Safety for its citizens.

The Fire Service is one of the few governmental agencies that fulfills this obligation to its fullest.

The four objectives of fire protection are: to prevent fires from starting; to prevent loss of life and property when a fire starts; to confine a fire to the place where it started; and to put out the fire. These objectives are performed by the three phases of the fire service: Fire Prevention; Fire Control; and Fire Extinguishment.

The phase of fire extinguishment is being handled very well by the fire departments throughout the County. The areas of Fire Control and Fire Prevention are progressing as indicated by Mr. Ed Garner's remarks showing the good fire insurance rates that have been obtained in the Fire Districts.

However, the fire departments are not units standing by themselves. Although fire districts are working between themselves with some mergers, mutual aid contracts, and area service contracts we still need some assistance. As you ladies and gentlemen may know our insurance rating involves agencies other than fire. The Washington Survey and Rating Bureau also looks at the Water Service and supplies offered; the Fire Alarm service provided; Building Department functions such as adequacy and en-

enforcement of building laws; Structural conditions of buildings in an area relative to conflagration hazards, fire resistiveness, adequate egress, and excess fire areas; and Fire Prevention.

For the past three years the cooperation between the Fire Marshal's office, the Building Department, and the Fire Districts has improved greatly. A member of the fire service is now serving on the King County Building Code Advisory Committee. Our activities on this committee for the past three years and other such activities have enabled builders, architects, and building officials to better understand the reasons and requirements of building and other codes regarding fire, fire spread, life safety, fire extinguishing devices, and all means of Fire Control.

Fire Districts have to rely on the County to provide legal adoption and enforcement of a Fire Prevention Code. We have had a code in King County for many years but was relative ineffective until October 5, 1964. Prior to that time the Fire Prevention Code was very limited in what it covered and was administered in a hot and cold manner. At that time, after considerable work by members of the King County Fire Prevention Inspectors Association, the Fire Prevention Code, as recommended by the National Board of Fire Underwriters, was adopted by the County. Although many items of this code were deleted upon adoption it was a more comprehensive code. It also gave some fire districts, with paid

inspectors, an opportunity to act on behalf of the County Fire Marshal in enforcing the code in their areas.

The administration of the Fire Marshal's office changed later to act under the Building Official and has since made many improvements.

At the present time, out of the 35 Fire Districts in King County, seven districts have part time inspectors and six districts have full time inspectors. Some of these six districts have more than one man in the field. These District fire inspectors do the actual fire hazard inspections in their respective districts, work with the County Fire Marshal's office in the enforcement of the Fire Code, check new building plans for fire safety regulations, make inspections of new and remodeled buildings to make sure of the proper installation of fire walls and extinguishing facilities, advise the County Building Department when building code violations are found, and keep the state agencies advised on violations of electrical wiring and boiler problems. These inspectors also work closely with the State Fire Marshal's office regarding schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and the like. And, of course, they must also keep up their other duties of the department consisting of investigation of fires, handle complaints regarding fires or potential fires, conduct fire prevention educational programs with children and adult groups, and keep the all important records of the department.

19, 1968, calls for regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire. This sets in motion regulations for enforcement, permits, appeals, and penalties for violation of the code.

We believe the King County Government has come a long way in the area of Fire Prevention and Fire Control, but for too long have been followers instead of leaders. The hard work of some of their employees is beginning to show its effectiveness. However, our county administrators should take a serious look at the field of Fire Prevention and Fire Control. Many improvements are still needed.

It is imperative that our county be a leader in all areas of governmental functions. This will create a better liaison between fire districts, law enforcement, water districts, building officials, and all county agencies so that the citizens of our communities will be better served.



Robert H. Ely, President



STATEMENT OF KING COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 68

Water District No. 68 has been invited, along with others, to discuss its views in connection with a possible change in the organization and operation of King County (pursuant to Amendment 21 to the Constitution of the State of Washington).

Amendment 21 permits a county to:

" . . . frame a 'Home Rule' charter for its own government subject to the constitution and laws of this state . . . "

At the outset it seems clear that whatever is discussed must be within the framework of and subject to the present Constitution and laws of this State. Under existing law (Laws, 1967, ch. 72, "...counties shall not have power to condemn sewerage and/or water systems of any municipal corporation or private utility.")

This being the case, we assume one of the questions involved, insofar as water districts are concerned, is whether King County should actively get into the water district business along with the presently existing water systems of municipal corporations and private utilities. We believe it should not. ✓ We believe a provision should be written into the charter according to the attached appendix (Appendix 1).

If the customers and residents of Water District No. 68, or any other water district, are satisfied with the service they have been receiving and are satisfied with the performance of their elected Commissioners, then that is reason for continuing with the development of the Water District as it is. The advantage here is the retention of control through periodic

elections by the people most closely connected with and affected by the management of the water system. The farther removed from this local control management gets, the less intimate knowledge of the problems there is, the less responsiveness of management there is, and the greater the possibility there is of distraction by management with other problems than water problems.

Also, there is less likelihood of the use of water revenues solely for water district development.

The Commissioners of Water District No. 68 believe that the matter of local control is of utmost importance, together with local responsibility and local representation. It is our belief that local commissioners elected by local residents, familiar with the people and problems of the district, are in a better position to operate our Water District and supply us with water at reasonable prices than a commission or board which has to be familiar with and solve the problems of such widely separated areas as Sunset Hills and Renton, or North Bend and Alki. Commissioners elected from the particular area involved, responsible to the voters in that area, can be expected to be much more familiar with the problems and much more capable of solving these problems than could a county or multi-county board.

Moreover, studies show that when a water system is made a part of a larger governmental organization, it frequently subsidizes non-income producing departments of that governmental operation. This is done at the expense of and with income from the water system and is not fair to the water users. Studies

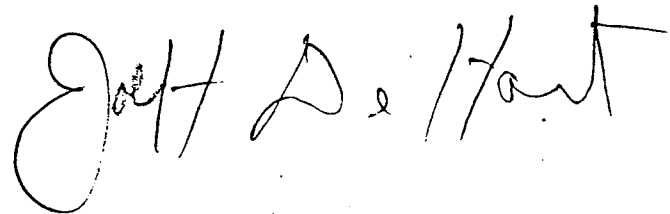
show that the most efficient operation of a water system is obtained when it is operated solely in the interests of the water users, with any savings or net earnings being plowed back into the system itself rather than into some other governmental department.

Should there be a mandate from the water users within our own Water District requesting a change of ownership, management and control to another governmental body, the present Commissioners would cheerfully go along with such direction. But until then, they have taken an oath to discharge their duties as Commissioners pursuant to the choice of the electors who chose them in previous elections. It is submitted these views are just as valid whether it is a multi-county organization seeking to take over this District or whether it is the County or Metro or another city such as Bellevue.

Respectfully submitted,

KING COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 68

By

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff DeHart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

## APPENDIX 1

### Powers Relating to Waterworks,

### Water Distribution Systems,

### Water Districts

Nothing contained in this charter shall be construed to empower the county to construct, acquire or maintain a waterworks or water distribution system, and the county shall not assume control, management or ownership of any water district, its property, facilities or equipment.

The people shall continue to have the right to establish water districts pursuant to statute.

MAY 14, 1968

GENTLEMEN:

MY NAME IS STEVE KIPPER, I AM COMMISSIONER IN WATER DISTRICT NO. 20, TRUSTEE AND TREASURER OF THE WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF WATER DISTRICTS.

WE ARE AWARE THAT LEGALLY YOU HAVE NO JURISDICTION OVER MUNICIPALITIES SUCH AS OURS BUT WE ARE ALSO AWARE THAT YOU COULD THROUGH YOUR OFFICE SECURE SUCH LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD EMPOWER YOU TO GAIN JURISDICTION UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

OUR APPEARANCE HERE IS TO PRESENT YOU WITH SOME THOUGHTS WHICH WOULD TEND TO PREVENT YOUR BECOMING OVERLY CONCERNED WITH WATER DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES, AND TO SOMEWHAT QUICKLY PROVE THAT THERE IS NEED FOR WATER DISTRICTS AND TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE IN OURSELVES ENDEAVORING TO SECURE THE CORRECTIONS OF OUR OWN FORM OF GOVERNMENT TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTY ENVIRONMENT.

THE WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF WATER DISTRICTS IS AN ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF COORDINATING THE VARIOUS DISTRICT ACTIVITIES AND TO BRING ABOUT REFORM IN RATES, SERVICES, AND ESTABLISHING SOME DEGREE OF STANDARDIZATION. ULTIMATELY IT IS HOPED THAT WE CAN ESTABLISH CENTRAL PURCHASING AND CENTRAL BILLING SIMILAR TO THE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND AS NOW IN OPERATION IN KING COUNTY UNDER THE KING COUNTY SCHOOL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION.

SINCE EACH PARTICULAR DISTRICT HAS ITS OWN PECULIAR PROBLEMS STANDARDIZATION ON SUCH MATTERS AS RATES IS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE. WHAT IS POSSIBLE IS STANDARDIZING RATES FOR THOSE DISTRICTS WHO ARE STRICTLY ON A REVENUE BASIS AND SEPARATELY, THOSE DISTRICTS WHO OPERATE UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT METHOD WHERE THE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL EACH BARE THEIR PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE COST OF THE DEVELOPMENT. THESE MATTERS ARE A LONG WAY FROM STANDARDIZATION BUT THEY MUST BE TACKLED AND ACCOMPLISHED.

THE ASSOCIATION WILL ALSO UNDERTAKE TO HAVE A COST STUDY MADE VERY SOON SO PROPER COMPARISONS BETWEEN DISTRICTS CAN BE MADE. WE WILL UNDERTAKE STUDIES ON ENGINEERING, LEGAL ADVICE, AND ACCOUNTING. SUCH PROGRAMS THOUGH AMBITIOUS MUST ULTIMATELY BE UNDERTAKEN AND COMPLETED.

THE BEST REASON FOR THE EXISTENCE OF A WATER DISTRICT IS WHEN A NEW AREA BEGINS TO STIR AND THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES FIND A NEED FOR WATER SERVICE. WHEN THIS NEED IS FELT THE PEOPLE CAN WITHIN THEIR OWN AREA MAKE THIS DECISION AND BEGIN THE PROCEEDINGS TO ACCOMPLISH THE PROVISION OF A WATER SERVICE. A CASE IN POINT CURRENTLY IS THE BEAVER LAKE AREA WHERE A DISTRICT HAS JUST BEEN FORMED AND THE FIRST LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT FOR CONSTRUCTION IS BEING CERTIFICATED. WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS ON THEIR OWN IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT A VERY SIGNIFICANT DELAY WOULD OCCUR.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS IS VERY PARAMOUNT BECAUSE OF THE VAST LAND AREAS STILL REMAINING UNDEVELOPED IN THE KING COUNTY ENVIRONS.

WHEN A WATER DISTRICT IS FORMED IT IS THE FIRST INDICATION OF THE GENERAL BUILD UP OF AN AREA. SEWERS CANNOT BE CONSTRUCTED UNTIL THE WATER SYSTEM IS IN OPERATION. FIRE PROTECTION IS RATHER LIMITED UNTIL WATER FLOW CAN BE PROVIDED. WATER DISTRICTS THEREFORE CONTRIBUTE TO THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF AN AREA WHEN THE PEOPLE ARE READY FOR IT AND IN NEED OF THE SERVICE.

ANOTHER SOLID REASON SUPPORTING THE CONTINUANCE OF THE WATER DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY IS THAT ALL FUNDS DERIVED ARE SPENT TO IMPROVE THE AREA WHERE IT IS COLLECTED. THERE IS NO QUESTION OF THE DIVISION OF THE MONIES; THEY MUST BE SPENT WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE DISTRICT AND EQUAL BENEFIT MUST BE GIVEN TO THE WHOLE DISTRICT TO THE BEST OF THE ABILITY OF THE COMMISSIONERS.

WE THINK THE WATER DISTRICTS ARE ONE FORM OF GOVERNMENT WHICH MORE NEARLY THAN ANY OTHER FULFILLS THE DEMAND OF THE PEOPLE WITHIN THE CONFINES OF ITS BOUNDARY.

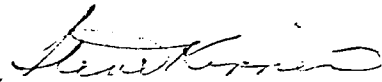
IT IS NOT TRUE THAT ALL OF US BELIEVE THAT OUR ONLY PURPOSE IS TO PERPETUATE OURSELVES IN OFFICE. IF THERE WERE A BETTER WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF SUPPLYING WATER TO THE PEOPLE IN WIDELY DIFFERENT SITUATIONS I BELIEVE THAT MOST OF US WOULD WILLINGLY ELIMINATE OUR OFFICES TO BRING THIS ABOUT.

I CAN ONLY THINK OF THE PONDEROUS FORM OF GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD COME OUT OF A GENERAL COUNTY TAKE OVER AND THE PROBLEMS THEY WOULD INHERIT, AND MY MIND CAN VISUALIZE THE FORMATION OF BOARDS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE APPOINTED WITHOUT DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PEOPLE, TO DO WHAT WATER COMMISSIONERS ARE NOW ELECTED TO DO.

I RECALL WHEN THE CITY OF SEATTLE ENDEAVORED TO ANNEX THE AREA IN WHICH I AM COMMISSIONER, AND THE RESPONSE GIVEN BY THE MAYOR AND HIS OFFICIALS TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THEY WOULD MAINTAIN THE PRESENT SYSTEM IN THE DISTRICT, THEIR RESPONSE WAS THAT THEY WOULD NOT UNTIL THE DISTRICT WAS BROUGHT UP TO THE STANDARD OF THE CITY. THIS WOULD HAVE MEANT A SERIOUS DETERIORATION UNTIL THE NEED BECAME SO GREAT THAT THE AREA WOULD HAVE BEEN FORCED TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TO THEN BRING IT UP TO THE CITY STANDARDS. THE COST OF THIS WOULD BE VERY HIGH AND WOULD BE A BURDEN ON THE PEOPLE. ACCORDING TO RULINGS BY THE COURTS IT WOULD BE DOUBTFUL WHETHER AN ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT COULD BE MADE AGAINST AN OWNER WHEN HE HAD ALREADY PAID AN ASSESSMENT FOR THE ORIGINAL SERVICE. AT ANY RATE THE CITY WAS AWARE OF ~~THEY~~ PROBLEMS WHICH WERE NEARLY UNSURMOUNTABLE AND GAVE UP ON THE ANNEXATION. *THIS AND OTHER*

WE URGE YOU TO CONSIDER VERY SERIOUSLY IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS BEFORE RECOMMENDING THE INCORPORATION OF WATER SERVICE WITHIN THE COUNTY CHARTER. SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO CONTINUE YOUR INVESTIGATION OF WATER MUNICIPALITIES WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOU GIVING US ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY WITH AMPLE TIME THAT WE MAY PREPARE OUR FACTS AND FIGURES ON WHICH YOU COULD THEN MAKE A BETTER JUDGEMENT, AS TO THE NECESSITY OF OUR FORM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS TIME.



STEVE KIPPER, TRUSTEE,  
WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF WATER DISTRICTS.

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May 21, 1968

Mr. Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary  
Board of King County Freeholders  
905-A King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Paul:

I am sending you a map of King County with the fire districts outlined, also additional copies of our Commissioners Manual.

I am also sending you a copy of SB 28 as presented at the last session of the Legislature. This is a proposal to provide revenue for fire districts on an assessment basis and if it had been enacted would have made some additional millage available for other purposes.

One question asked at the hearing in Seattle was the distribution of millage to the several governmental units. I am sending you 20 copies of this information. You will note that the school levy was reduced to 12 mills, by the last legislature and two additional mills given to the State. The State levies on the basis of 50% of true and fair value rather than the 25% used by School District. In turn the School is reimbursed this amount by the State.

If we could be of further assistance to you or your Board, please feel free to contact this office.

Very truly yours,



W. Ed Garner  
Executive Secretary

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KING COUNTY  
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BERYL J. STOWE  
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BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS  
King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Gentlemen:

This is to advise you that Fire District #44 has appointed a  
new secretary, due to the resignation of Mrs. Bristow.

All correspondence in the future should be sent to the new  
secretary at the address listed below:

KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #44  
Beryl J. Stowe, Secretary  
18246 S.E. 313th  
Auburn, Washington 98002

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated by the  
District and save Mrs. Bristow forwarding mail.

Sincerely,

KING COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #44  
Board of Commissioners

*Beryl J. Stowe*

(Mrs.) Beryl J. Stowe, Secretary

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# WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF WATER DISTRICTS



August 14, 1968

Freeholder Office  
Room 905A  
King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Wash. 98104

Gentlemen:

Three "phrasings" as they presently appear in the Preliminary Working Draft for the New King County Charter as drawn by the Board of Freeholders, are hereby protested by the Washington State Association of Water Districts and its legal counsel, Cartano, Botzer & Chapman.

Suggested changes are as follows:

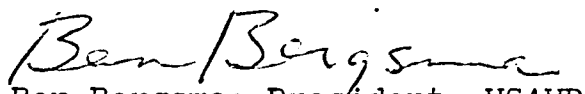
Page 14, Section 350.20.10, Department of Public Works, Utilities and Transportation: the final phrase "and other public works and utilities" should be rewritten to read "such other public works and utilities lying within the responsibility of King County." As Attorney John Cartano explains, "The value of this wording limits the County to responsibility only for what it now has and in no way allows it to expand that responsibility."

Page 15, Section 350.20.60, Department of Parks and Community Services: the portion now reading "and shall be responsible for open space development and other community services" should be changed to read "and shall be responsible for open space development and other related community services." According to Cartano, "The word 'related' would keep the County out of our district areas and that is what we care about."

Page 16, Section 350.20.70 (a) Comprehensive Plans: the phrase "for the location of public and private utilities" should be altered to read "for the location of public and private utilities which are now or which may be within the responsibility of King County."

These changes have been unanimously recommended by the Association and its legal counsel and will be defended before the final draft of the Charter is permitted to be drawn.

Very truly yours,

  
Ben Bergsma; President WSAWD  
Board of Trustees WSAWD

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CORRESPONDENCE

RE: CORONER'S OFFICE

The following are summaries of letters received in connection with testimony on the Coroner's office in a proposed medical examiner system to be included in the King County Home Rule Charter:

1. Arthur C. Torgerson, M. D., Seattle. Dr. Torgerson supports the establishment of a medico-legal examiner system which will provide accurate methods of determining cause of death.
2. Wm. Dudson Bacon, M. D., Seattle. Dr. Bacon supports a medical examiner system which can be incorporated within a state-wide system.
3. John Philip Sauntry, M.D.F.A.C.S. Dr. Sauntry supports a medical examiner system for King County. He cites personal cases where he has wondered whether the death of his patients have been due to that which had been reported by the coroner. Sauntry also emphasizes the need for a full time veterinarian and full time toxicologist to gather scientific data.
4. Lowell L. Eddy, M. D., Seattle. Dr. Eddy is a pathologist, and was formerly with the Harborview Hospital. Dr. Eddy feels a more aggressive approach is needed to determine the cause of death.
5. Bernard R. Levinthal, M. D., Otolaryngology, Seattle. Dr. Levinthal supports a King County medical examiner system. He feels that miscarriages of justice have arisen because of inadequate post-mortem examinations.
6. Loren C. Winterscheid, M. D., Assoc. Prof. Dept. of Surgery, University of Washington. Dr. Winterscheid supports the county medical examiner system for King County. He emphasizes the need for more thorough diagnosis in the causes of death in order to aid the physician in understanding the causes of death. Dr. Winterscheid assumes that there will be increased cost in a medical examiner system, but feels the additional cost will be outweighed by the gains to be had.
7. William B. Hamlin, M. D., Director of Laboratory of Pathology, Swedish Hospital Medical Center, Seattle. Dr. Hamlin supports the medical examiner system for King County to replace the coroner. Hamlin cites as evidence the major cities of Baltimore, Miami, Houston, etc. as the cities that have a medical examiner system.
8. Robert P. Gibb, M. D., Pathology Lab., Bellingham Medical Center, Bellingham. Dr. Gibb supports a medical examiner system for King County, and states that Whatcom County Coroner, Dr. Robert Rood, also supports this position. Dr. Gibb cites a mobile urban society as the major reason for having a more thorough medical examination for deaths that are unexplained.
9. Chas. H. Dockhorn, M.D., Orthopedic & Fracture Surgery, Edmonds. Dr. Dockhorn supports the medical examiner system to replace the coroner.
10. Neil J. Elgee, M.D., Internal Medicine & Endocrinology, Seattle. Dr. Elgee supports the medical examiner system, and emphasizes the need for professionalism and training as prerequisites for the duties of the office of Coroner.
11. Richard C. Greenleaf, M.D., F.A.C.P., Internal Medicine, Seattle.

11. (Contn'd.) Dr. Greenleaf gives as an example for the need for a revision that post-mortem examinations are difficult to obtain by the individual physician. He cites individual cases where his patients have died suddenly and unexplainably where there have been barbiturates and lethal medication, but the Coroner has not gone into any further detail. Such death certificates have shown the death cause to be by heart attack or stroke without any supporting evidence for such a diagnosis.
12. Stephen A. Bunch, M.D., Internal Medicine, Seattle. Dr. Bunch supports the medical examiner system for King County, and cites a case where a patient of his who was living with a psychotic spouse, was dead upon arrival at a hospital. No autopsy was performed, and he feels that a coroner should have investigated this case because of the circumstances surrounding the death. Bunch states that in seven years of practice he has not received any officially transmitted report of autopsy findings.
13. Jack T. Lasersohn, M.D., Dept. of Pathology, Mason Clinic, Seattle. Dr. Lasersohn as a pathologist supports a medical examiner system for King County. He cites that the medical examiner of the city of New York has provided valuable information in the investigation of a murder which recently made the headlines.
14. Alfred L. Skinner, M.D., Pediatrician, Mercer Island. Dr. Skinner supports the medical examiner system for King County. As a medical student at Harvard where the professor of Forensic Medicine was the medical examiner for Middlesex County, he had the opportunity to observe the operation of a medical examiner's system and has since contrasted this with the coroner's system presently in effect in King County.
15. David M. Smith, M.D., Ophthalmologist, Seattle. Dr. Smith supports the replacement of the coroner system with a medical examiner.
16. T. L. Dorpat, M.D., Blakeley Psychiatric Group, Seattle. This letter is signed by Dr. Dorpat and 11 other physicians in the Blakely group, all supporting a medical examiner replacing the coroner in King County.
17. Alan L.W. Gunsul, M.D., Seattle. Dr. Gunsul supports a county medical examiner system. He cites individual cases where patients have died at home and he has requested that an autopsy be performed. Such requests have been denied, and the patients have been signed out with a diagnosis of stroke or heart attack.
18. Joseph J. Koutsky, M.D., Seattle. Dr. Koutsky supports a medical examiner system for King County.
19. Saueel H. Tarica, M.D., Pediatrician, Seattle. Dr. Tarica supports a medical examiner system for King County.
20. Daniel R. Kohli, M.D., Seattle. Dr. Kohli supports a medical examiner for King County. He cites as a reason the need for a professional instead of a politician to run the office.

21. James L. Bennington, M.D., Pathologist-in-Chief, King County Harborview Hospital. Dr. Bennington considers the operation of a pathology laboratory for King County to be operated in coordination with a medical examiner system. Another reason cited by Dr. Bennington is the need for increasing the training programs in forensic pathology, and he believes this can be achieved by drafting into the charter provisions for the Medical Examiner to be located at the King County Hospital and for the Medical Examiner to hold an academic position in the Dept. of Pathology at the University of Wash. medical school. This would permit U. of W. pathology residents and trainees in forensic pathology to receive training in the University of Washington Hospital.
22. Robert A. Fithian, M.D., Seattle. Supports the medical examiner system for King County. Dr. Fithian cites as a reason the difficulty in getting autopsies where there is suspicion as to the cause of death.
23. John A. Sterner, M.D., Seahurst Medical Center, Seattle. Dr. Sterner supports the medical examiner system for King County. One area of need cited by Dr. Sterner is the infant death syndrome which needs the kind of research that a competent medical examiner could provide. The area of drugs like LSD, marijuana, heroin, etc. needs further investigation which is not now being done by the King County Coroner's office. Sterner feels the operation after death is just as important in the progress of medicine as what happens prior to the demise.
24. Lothar H. Pinkers, M.D., Bellevue. Dr. Pinkers supports the medical examiner system for King County. He has done a good deal of work in the emergency room at Overlake Memorial Hospital. A number of cases where the patient had died either before arriving at the emergency room or died during the time in the emergency room have needed further investigation as to the cause of death, and such has not been forthcoming in his estimation.
25. Irving Tobin, M.D., Orthopedic Surgery, Seattle. Dr. Tobin supports the medical examiner system for King County. He cites cases in his own practice where he feels a thorough examination of the cause of death has been needed, and was not forthcoming.
26. Robert A. Bruce, M.D., Professor of Medicine, University of Washington. Dr. Bruce supports the medical examiner system for King County. He cites the inadequacy of the present coroner system in providing the needs of modern medicine in medical legal jurisprudence.
27. David Metheny, M. D., Seattle. Dr. Metheny supports the medical examiner system to replace the coroner for King County. He cites several cases where individuals have died and the coroner has not done an autopsy, leaving the cause of death in question. He cites a case where a patient in a nursing home died and the investigation did not disclose the fact that the patient died from an overdose of barbiturates which was prescribed by a local M.D. who was treating her.
28. This letter is signed by six M.D.'s who are interning at the Overlake Internal Medicine Association, Bellevue. They are Donald C. Tanner, M.D., Giacomo Pirzio-Biroli, M.D., James A. Reid, M.D., Robert G. Hoskins, M.D., David C. Bontecou, M.D., and Allen E. Doan, M.D., and they support a medical examiner system for King County.

29. John W. Ormsby, M.D., The Polyclinic, Seattle. Dr. Ormsby supports the medical examiner system for King County, and cites the size of the growing population of King County as making it mandatory to replace a system which other large metropolitan areas have found to be inadequate and does not keep up with modern technology.
30. Fillmore Buckner, M.D., Obstetrics & Gynecology, Seattle. Dr. Buckner supports the medical examiner system for King County. He feels that the elected coroner must be replaced with a merit examination appointed county medical examiner.
31. Edwin T. MacCamy, M.D., Seattle. Dr. MacCamy supports a medical examiner system for King County, who is an M.D. in charge of a non-elective office.
32. Robert H. Williams, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Dept. of Medicine, University of Washington. Dr. Williams supports the concept of a medical examiner system, cites that the medical examiner system in Boston has proven its ability to meet the demands of modern society.
33. Richard E. Rust, M.D., Highland Clinic, Seattle. Dr. Rust supports a medical examiner system for King County, and states there is no political-social advantage to be gained from retaining an elected position for the duties of coroner.
34. H. E. Emmel, M.D., Seattle Orthopedic, Fracture & Rehabilitation Clinic, Seattle. Dr. Emmel supports replacing the coroner system with a medical examiner program.
35. Charles D. Kimball, M.D., Seattle. Dr. Kimball supports the medical examiner system for King County. Dr. Kimball worked in the fetal and neonatal pathology area at the Univ. of Chicago Lying In Hospital, and feels that the public would benefit from more objective and scientific handling of neonatal and infant mortality.
36. Arthur Biddle, M.D., Seattle. Dr. Biddle supports a medical examiner system for King County. He cites as a reason the inadequate explanation of the true cause of death of patients who die within several hours after admission to hospitals.
37. Emil Jobb, M.D., Seattle. Dr. Jobb supports a medical examiner system for King County.
38. Ralph C. Ellis, M.D., Pathologist, Seattle. Dr. Ellis supports a medical examiner system for King County; although he highly commends the work of Dr. Gale Wilson, chief pathologist for King County. Dr. Ellis states that King County needs a more modern and scientific system such as can only be provided by a Medical Examiner arrangement.
39. Russell N. Anderson, M.D., Seattle. Dr. Anderson supports the medical examiner system for King County.
40. Eugene Ko, M.D., Paul M. Tueffers, M.D., and William C. Ho, M.D., Jefferson Park Medical Clinic, Seattle. The Clinic supports a medical examiner system for King County to replace the Coroner.

## CORONER VS. MEDICAL EXAMINER

Analysis of the problem, particularly for the State of Washington

February, 1963

**CORONER SYSTEM:** The position of coroner was created in England shortly after the Norman conquest, as a roaming official with power, under direction of the king, to summon a jury from the neighborhood. One of his primary duties was the investigation of violent deaths. One of the primary objectives of this investigation was the enforcement of a regulation whereby the manes and chattels of murderers were to become property of the Crown.

The office in America gradually evolved into its present form, an agency whose functions or prerogatives are an illogical mixture of crime detection, law enforcement, and temporary care of the unclaimed dead. The office still carries the ancient hangover prerogative to summon a quick, pickup jury; and the manner in which this is handled today by some coroners makes it in effect a mere kangaroo court.

Modern governmental organization has gradually and properly separated two great governmental functions in this area: Crime detection (various police organizations) and Law enforcement (courts). As the functions of each have become more elaborate and more clearly defined, more specialization has been required of those agencies, as well as specialization of individuals who serve them. The office of coroner, as usually conducted, has long since cultivated whatever usefulness it once may have had.

**MEDICAL EXAMINER SYSTEM:** As the custom of more frequent autopsy examinations has grown throughout the years, these examinations have become increasingly scientific and complicated, so that today only those physicians who specialize in Pathology, are trained to perform an autopsy with its chemical and microscopical follow-up work, according to the best of modern standards.

Originally, the functions of a trained Medical Examiner were regarded as almost entirely those concerned directly in the solution of crime problems. Indeed, this is one of the chief justifications for this official today. He works more directly in the field of crime detection than in that of law enforcement, although he is a useful and necessary link between these two agencies.

Actually the usefulness to the entire community of a well organized Medical Examiner system has extended beyond that of crime detection alone, as will be shown later. The investigation of an unusual death is primarily a scientific undertaking and sometimes exceedingly complicated. When such a death might be the result of crime, the initial phase of such an investigation becomes a matter of close team work between a Medical Examiner and skilled crime detection agents. This phase does not end and should not encroach upon the field of law enforcement. However, it is a mistake to turn over all such activities to such an official as "coroner", as he is usually a person who is neither a scientific medical investigator, a trained crime detector, nor a law enforcer, but merely a hangover from the days when there were no such things as a physician-pathologist and a modern detective-police-man.

# COMPARATIVE COSTS

## MEDICAL EXAMINER versus CORONER

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>SYSTEM</u>	<u>ANNUAL BUDGET</u>	<u>CASES HANDLED</u>	<u>COST PER CAPITA</u>
New Orleans, Louisiana	1963-64	Coroner	\$158,921.00	3,997	\$0.245*
San Francisco, California	1964-65	Coroner	\$268,800.00	2,334	\$0.382
Baltimore, Maryland (State)	1963	Post Mortem Medical Examiners	\$423,126.13	6,212	\$0.125
Los Angeles, California	1964-65	Medical Examiner Coroner	\$879,235.00	12,670	\$0.129**

\* Based on U.S. Dept. of Commerce estimate of population - July 1, 1964

\*\* Based on Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission estimate of population - 1/1/65  
County of Los Angeles Biennial Report of the Chief Medical Examiner-Coroner

### Annual Per Capita Costs of Selected Coroner and Medical Examiner Systems in Large Metropolitan Areas

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AREA</u>	<u>POPULATION (Thousands)</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>	<u>PER CAPITA (Cents)</u>
<u>CORONER SYSTEMS</u>				
1960	Cleveland - Cuyahoga County, Ohio	1,648	\$300,358	18.2
1961	New Orleans - Orleans Parish, La	636	\$143,570	22.6
1960	Pittsburgh - Allegheny County, Pa	1,629	\$355,357	21.8
1960-61	San Francisco, Calif	755	\$243,469	25.0
<u>MEDICAL EXAMINER SYSTEMS</u>				
1961	Baltimore, Md	937	\$160,500	17.1
1960	Boston - Suffolk County, Mass	791	\$86,219	10.9*
1961	Detroit - Wayne County, Mich	2,667	\$324,905	12.2
1961-62	Los Angeles - Los Angeles County, Calif	6,332	\$705,418	11.1
1960	Miami - Dade County, Fla	935	\$182,121	19.8
1960	Philadelphia, Pa	2,003	\$408,000	20.4

\* Costs of toxicology services provided by the Police Laboratory and morgue facilities provided by the Boston City Hospital are not reflected in this figure.

Journal of the American Medical Association, April 10, 1967



## WHAT IS THE COST OF MEDICAL EXAMINER SYSTEMS?

The first consideration in the evaluation of any system for official medico-legal investigation is the needs of the public and the adequacy of the system to meet those needs. As is true of any public service, however, the cost of the service must be balanced against the satisfaction of the public needs.

To make a fair evaluation of comparative costs, calculation of costs on a per capita basis for the geographic unit served by the particular systems seems most appropriate. On this basis, the cost ranges from 6 cents to 30 cents per person, for those systems from which reliable information is available. This substantial variation in costs is explained in part by variations in the existing systems. If investigation is limited to cases where there are reasonable grounds to believe that a crime has been committed, approximately 5% of all deaths will be investigated. If investigation is also required of all violent deaths, the investigation rate rises to 10%. If investigation is made where death is unexpected or from obscure causes, the rate rises to 20%. Overall per capita costs are likely to vary in direct relation to the percentage of deaths investigated. The value to the public in the detection of otherwise unsuspected crimes would seem to outweigh the economy of restrictive limitations on the kinds of deaths to be investigated.

Unfortunately, the data for a comprehensive statistical survey of the costs of various coroner and medical examiner systems throughout the country are not available. Available data from some coroners, medical examiners, and various state, municipal, and academic sources involving costs of local government, however, afford a basis for evaluation of comparative costs in several representative types of communities. (See following page).

It is obvious that there is no necessary correlation between the amount of money spent by an official medico-legal investigation system and the value of public benefit achieved by the system. It is, however, the opinion that a per capita cost of between 6 cents and 12 cents a year is the least amount for which any community can expect to maintain an adequate official medico-legal investigation system. An annual per capita cost of between 17 cents and 30 cents is believed to be more representative of the needs of a large urban community.

The bill proposed by the Legislative Council Committee on Local Government sets up a state-wide medical examiner system under the State Department of Health. The Department is developing a budget for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

## WHAT STATES HAVE MEDICAL EXAMINER SYSTEMS?

The following states have a statewide Medical Examiner System:

Alaska	New Hampshire
Arkansas	Oklahoma
Connecticut	Oregon
Delaware	Rhode Island
Iowa	Tennessee
Kansas	Utah
Maine	Vermont
Maryland	Virginia
Massachusetts	West Virginia

The following states have local option Medical Examiner System:

Arizona	New Mexico
California	New York
Florida	North Carolina
Georgia	North Dakota
Michigan	Pennsylvania
Minnesota	Texas
Nevada	Wisconsin
New Jersey	

The function of the Medical Examiner, according to the modern concept of the office, is primarily that of investigating and passing upon cases of "sudden and unexpected" death. Not all such deaths require an actual autopsy. About 15 percent of all deaths are "sudden and unexpected" in the sense of this classification. Of these "sudden and unexpected" deaths, most are due to unsuspected heart or brain diseases. A few turn out to be infectious diseases, others remain unexplained and unexplainable in terms of modern knowledge, even after painstaking investigation. Probably about five percent of these "sudden and unexpected" deaths are due to unsuspected violence, either accidental or murderous.

Yes, some elected coroners in metropolitan counties have competent staffs and enough business to enable them to develop expertness in medico-legal investigation, but many rural areas lack the financial ability or qualified personnel for such a system. A state central medico-legal laboratory under the Chief Medical Examiner can handle investigations with all the tools of modern science including chemistry, microscopy, photography, x-ray, bacteriology and pathology, and make this service available to all citizens of the state.

Without a modern medico-legal investigative system, it is predisposed that there is:

- (a) Nonrecognition of murder or homicide;
- (b) Unjust accusation of innocent person;
- (c) Improper evaluation of medical evidence bearing on the circumstances in which fatal injuries were incurred;
- (d) Failure to acquire and preserve medical evidence which would be useful in the apprehension and conviction of criminals;
- (e) Failure to acquire and preserve medical evidence essential for the just disposition of civil litigation;
- (f) Ignorance of certain otherwise preventable hazards to public health; and
- (g) Impairment of the value of vital statistics.

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April 18, 1968

Mr. Paul R. Meyer, Ex. Secretary  
Board of King County Freeholders  
905-A King County Court House  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Paul:

We look forward to meeting with the Board 7:30 p.m. May 1, 1968, in Room 402 of the County Court House on the topic of the need for a medical examiner system.

Our half hour of testimony will be presented by the King County Medical Society, and I will provide you shortly with the names of the two witnesses. We will have additional people on hand help answer questions during the discussion.

Enclosed is a reprint from the Journal of the American Medical Association on "Medical Science in Crime Detection" and an article by the National Municipal League entitled "Best States for Murder". There should be enough copies for all members of the Board and yourself.

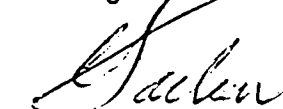
Also, we have asked physicians in King County to send to Mr. Albrecht, at your address in the Court House, statements on the inadequacy of the current coroner system in King County.

Again, thanks for the opportunity to present our case for the medical examiner system to the Board.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Washington State Medical Association



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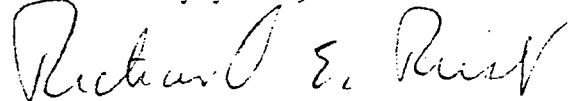
Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman  
Board of King County Freeholders  
County Court House - Room 905  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

Please add my support to those whose opinion rendered regarding the advisability of the County Medical Examiner System. At this time of reconstructing the form and system of county government, the ideal opportunity presents itself to institute the much more effective efficient concept of medical examiner and to discard the political office of county coroner. The advantages seem to me to be completely obvious. The function performed is one requiring certain technical scientific skill, knowledge and background as well as the proper scientific approach to the problems within the compass of the office. There is no political-social advantage to be gained from retaining this as an elected position, and some conceivable disadvantages arising from political influence intruding into the function of this office.

Thus I would strongly urge adoption of a medical examiner system in the new King County Charter.

Sincerely yours,



Richard E. Rust, M.D.

RER/rca

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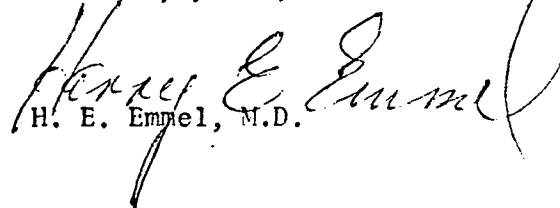
Mr. Richard R. Albrecht  
Chairman, Board of King County Freeholders  
King County Court House , Room 905  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Albrecht,

The doctors of King County feel that the coroner's system regarding medical determinations of the cause of death is outmoded and should have gone out with the buggy whip.

Numerous instances, even in my type of practice, which is purely orthopedics and trauma, indicate that a medical examiner system in King County is long overdue. I urge that your Board of Freeholders support a medical examiner system for King County.

Sincerely yours,

  
H. E. Emmel, M.D.

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CHARLES D. KIMBALL, M. D.  
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98104

OBSTETRICS  
GYNECOLOGY

April 19, 1968


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

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to urge that the  
County Medical Examiner system be adopted to re-  
place the present system of Coroner.

I have in the past, worked for nearly two years at  
the post doctoral level in fetal and neonatal path-  
ology at The University of Chicago Lying In Hospital.  
In view of this and subsequent experience, I feel  
that much public benefit would be derived from a  
more objective and scientific handling of problems  
of neonatal and infant mortality.

Yours truly,

  
Charles D. Kimball, M.D.

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EMIL JOBB, M. D.  
559 MEDICAL-DENTAL BUILDING  
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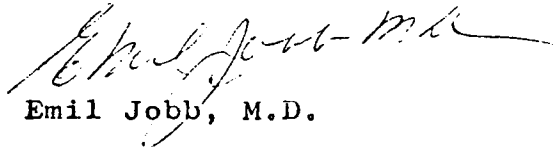
April 19, 1968

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

Dear Sir:

I would like to lend my support for a state-wide medical examiner system free of political entanglements. The merits of such a system are quite obvious. Physicians could be hired on the basis of qualifications for the performance of their duties. Autopsies now performed in the County Morgue are many times of questionable value when significant diagnostic studies are indicated from the medical, legal standpoint.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Emil Jobb", followed by a horizontal line.

Emil Jobb, M.D.

EJ:ml



**RUSSELL N. ANDERSON, M.D.**

Physician and Surgeon

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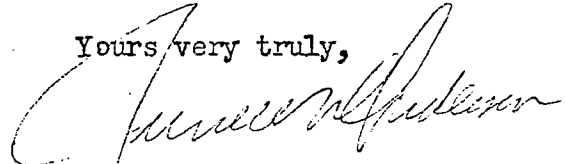
April 19, 1968

Mr. Richard M. Allbrecht, Chairman  
Board of King County Freeholders  
King County Court House, Room 905  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Allbrecht:

I should like to indicate my strong support of a County Medical Examiner System to replace the present Coroner System. I feel we are behind the times in our present system, and it should be replaced with a competent modern medical-legal examiner system.

Yours very truly,



Russell N. Anderson, M.D.

RNA:mj

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EUGENE KO, M. D.  
PAUL M. TUEFFERS, M. D.

April 19, 1968

EA 2-1211

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

In drafting the new King County Charter, we encourage you and the remainder of the Board of Freeholders to remove the office of County Coroner from local politics.

It is our considered opinion that permanently appointed Forensic Pathologists would be able to make greater contributions, not only to proper diagnosis, but in rendering invaluable help to the police department in the area of unsolved crimes.

Yours truly,

*Eugene Ko, M.D.*  
*Paul M. Tueffers, M.D.*  
*William C. Ho, M.D.*  
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Paul M. Tueffers, M.D.  
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DIRECTOR OF LABORATORIES  
THE DOCTORS HOSPITAL

April 19, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

This letter is written to urge your consideration and that of the Board of King County Freeholders for incorporation of a Medical Examiner System into the proposed King County Charter.

Throughout the country, more and more cities and states are adopting the Medical Examiner System, which removes the functions of this office from the category of a political football and places it upon the scientific basis which such a truly important department deserves.

The annals of forensic medicine are filled with hundreds of cases of undetected crime or injustices to individuals brought about through the inadequacies of the antiquated coroners system.

King County is fortunate in having a well above average coroner system, with a capable and competent pathologist, Doctor Gale Wilson, in charge of the pathology procedures. However, a rapidly growing county and state such as King County and State of Washington deserve and greatly need a modern and scientific system such as can only be provided by a Medical Examiner arrangement.

I respectfully urge that you incorporate such a system into the King County Charter, and I wish you success in this large and laborious undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

*Ralph C. Ellis M.D.*

Ralph C. Ellis, M.D.,  
Pathologist

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98116

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April 20, 1968

Mr. Robert Eberle  
Board of King County Freeholders  
Room 905  
King County Court House  
Seattle, Washington 98104

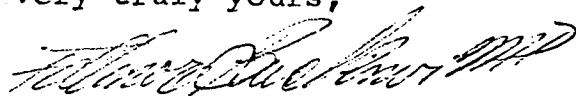
Dear Mr. Eberle:

Since you are one of the two people that I am acquainted with on the Board of Freeholders, I have taken the liberty of writing to you to express my interest in changing our county government with regard to the office of coroner.

I feel that such a large metropolitan area as Seattle has become in the last few years and the fact that King County is now one of the largest counties in population in the western states makes it imperative that we replace the rather inefficient and ineffective elective office coroner with a merit-examination-appointed county medical examiner. I think that the present revision of county government is the ideal time and place for such a change to be discussed and implemented. I hope that you will do your best to see that such a change takes place.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,



Fillmore Buckner, M.D.

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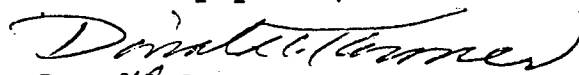
Mr. Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman  
Board of King County Freeholders  
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Re: County Medical Examiners System


Dear Mr. Albrecht:

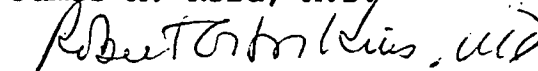
We write this letter as a group of practising internists concerned with our currently inadequate county coroner's system. The need for a medical examiner's system is well known and has been demonstrated locally on several occasions. The current inadequacies of our coroner's system will become more obvious as our population growth expands in the next few years. Not only must the capability for increased volume of work be met, but each specific case must be more appropriately studied since often large insurance awards or medical legal questions are at stake. Without excellent forensic pathologists there can be no appropriate county system. We therefore urge your support of the medical examiner system to include several forensic pathologists in a scientifically well trained staff to guide the study of what now are considered coroner's cases.

Sincerely yours,

  
Donald C. Tanner, M.D.

  
Giacomo Pirzio-Biroli, M.D.

  
James A. Reid, M.D.

  
Robert G. Hoskins, M.D.

  
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April 20, 1968

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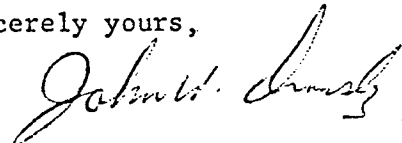
Mr. Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman  
Board of King County Freeholders  
King County Courthouse Room 905  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

I should like to add my plea, both as an individual physician and as a member of the King County Medical Society, that very serious consideration be given by your newly elected board for replacing the present system of an elected coroner with that of a county medical examiner. The size and terrifying growth potential of King County would appear to make mandatory replacing a system which other large metropolitan areas have repeatedly found inadequate. It goes without saying that ultimately this proposed system will be adopted, but many of us feel that the need has existed for a long time and that a certain degree of urgency already exists. Many of us have had experience with what we consider to be inadequate function by the elected coroner system which sometimes has resulted in not only inaccurate work but the arrival at conclusions that were frankly unfair to involved persons.

The function of a medical examiner system is a professional function and must be organized, staffed and run by a professional examiner. The penetrating attention to and discussion of this need is urgent.

Very sincerely yours,



JOHN W. ORMSBY, M. D.

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cc: Gordon LeZerte, M. D., Chairman  
Department of Pathology  
Cabrin Hospital  
Seattle, Washington

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April 20, 1968

Mr. Simon Wampold, Vice-Chairman  
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Room 905  
King County Court House  
Seattle, Washington 98104

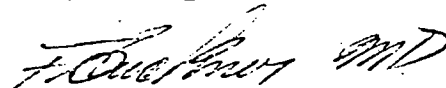
Dear Mr. Wampold:

Since you are one of the two people that I am acquainted with on the Board of Freeholders, I have taken the liberty of writing to you to express my interest in changing our county government with regard to the office of coroner.

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Very truly yours,



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Robert H. Williams, M.D.

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE  
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PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE

HEAD OF DIVISION OF ENDOCRINOLOGY  
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

April 19, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

I hereby am urging you and your colleagues to expend your efforts very strongly towards the attainment of a medical examiner system.

In addition to a vast number of times when anyone can see the great advantage of such, I have had the privilege of spending many hours working under an excellent medical examiner program, in Boston.

Many of the problems are very intricate and must be pursued in considerable depth in order to derive the most appropriate answers.

Sincerely,

  
Robert H. Williams, M. D.

RHW/lb

cc: Mr. Robert Block  
Mr. Paul Friedlander



EDWIN T. MACCAMY, M. D.  
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SEATTLE 4, WASH.  
EAST 3-5200

April 20, 1968

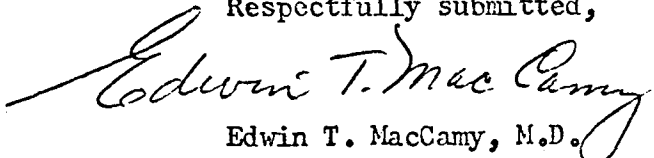
Mr. Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman  
Board of King County Frecholders  
King County Courthouse, Room 905  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

In your deliberations relative to the office of coroner you will probably be considering using a medical examiner instead of coroner as is done in many counties. May I urge you to do so?

I have no personal experience to quote, but in all the journals of Forensic Medicine it is pointed out how much better it is to have a trained M.D. in charge of this non-elective office.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Edwin T. MacCamy, M.D.

ETM;jr

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ARTHUR S. BIDDLE, M. D.  
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April 19, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

I would like to express my firm support of the effort to satisfy the Board of King County Freeholders that a medical examiner system should be written into the proposed King County charter.

A modern medico-legal examiner system would, in my opinion, represent an important improvement over the present coroner's system now functioning in King County.

At present there is often an inadequate explanation of the true cause of death of patients who die within several hours after admission to the hospital or patients who die after having been injured. From the purely medical standpoint, I would like to point out that a number of these patients die without a precise diagnosis prior to death being possible. Unless an accurate and precise post-mortem diagnosis can be established in such patients, valuable opportunities to advance medical knowledge are lost. From the medico-legal standpoint I have noted in my own practice that skull fracture has been cited by the coroner as a cause of death when in point of fact a skull fracture per se seldom, if ever, causes death and is actually a finding coincident to the true cause of death which may or may not be due to trauma.

There is no question in my mind that the interests of the public are best served in such circumstances by a modern medico-legal examiner system.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur Biddle, M. D.

AB:jg

DR. DAVID METHENY  
2810 - 46th Avenue West  
Seattle, Washington 98199

April 21, 1968

Mr. Richard R. Albright, Chairman  
King County Freeholders.

Dear Mr. Albright,

As you know our Coroner's system is not efficient, and should be replaced by a State-wide Medical-legal system that is modern.

I think that it is imperative to have an adequate system that protects the innocent as well as detects suspicious causes of deaths.

I remember a neighbor's 17 year old son, robust and healthy who was found dead in bed in the morning. It was known that he had a motorcycle, and sometimes filled his gas tank by a siphon from an old automobile he had. The examination essentially consisted of opening his stomach and saying it smelled of gasoline, and giving that as the cause of death. I was there and told that was the only test that could be done.

I also remember an old lady who was apparently comatose and lying on her back. She vomited and inhaled the vomitus which killed her. But her son who was a schizophrenic, said she died from barbiturate poisoning. At my insistence a ~~chemical~~ chemical examination of her liver showed that she had at least twice the ~~lethal~~ lethal dose of barbiturate. What was done? The coroner's office investigated the nursing home. There was a record of a local M.D. who saw her once, and ordered a single dose of barbiturate. That closed the investigation and nothing more was done. Fortunately the owner and manager of the nursing home died and it closed.

We need a better system than we have.

Yours sincerely,

*David Metheny M.D.*

# King County Harborview Hospital

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Department of Pathology  
April 22, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

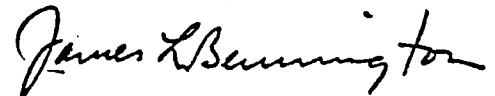
I am writing to urge that the Board of Freeholders of King County include a Medical Examiner system in the proposed King County charter.

The Coroner system is archaic and under the best of circumstances falls short of the potential of a Medical Examiner system. A well-trained medical examiner, with modern equipment and an adequate staff, is indispensable to criminal investigative work and as such helps protect our community. Laboratory facilities and instruments and technical assistance necessary for operating a forensic pathology laboratory are indeed expensive, but many of these expenses could be reduced by coordinating a Medical Examiner's system with the Pathology service at the King County Hospital.

Because the advantages of a Medical Examiner system are becoming widely recognized, there is a very great need for increasing the training programs in forensic pathology. All too often the places where successful Medical Examiner systems are in operation are not convenient to or affiliated with medical schools. It seems to me that we have an unusual opportunity in this county to combine the services of a Medical Examiner system to the county with a training program in forensic pathology. We can effectively achieve this by drafting into the charter provisions for the Medical Examiner to be located at the King County Hospital and for the Medical Examiner to hold an academic position in the Department of Pathology at the University of Washington Medical School. Such an arrangement would permit University of Washington pathology residents and trainees in forensic pathology to receive training in a University of Washington Hospital.

The location of a Medical Examiner in a University hospital equipped to meet the needs of a Medical Examiner's functions would permit us to develop one of the most modern and model Medical Examiner systems and training programs in forensic pathology in the country.

Yours very truly,



James L. Bennington, M.D.  
Pathologist-in-Chief

JLB:gl

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98105

*School of Medicine*  
*Department of Medicine*  
DIVISION OF CARDIOLOGY

April 22, 1968

Mr. Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman  
Board of King County Freeholders  
King County Courthouse, Room 905  
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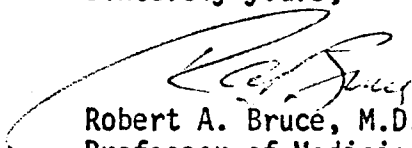
Dear Mr. Albrecht:

The efforts of the legislative committee of the King County Medical Society to encourage the Board of King County Freeholders to establish a medical examiner system in the proposed King County Charter should be seriously considered and strongly supported.

It is simply incomprehensible that an enlightened and progressive community such as Seattle and King County should in any way tolerate the continuation of the current coroner system, which has been demonstrated to be inadequate for the needs of modern medicine and medical legal jurisprudence.

Thanking you for considering this request,

Sincerely yours,



Robert A. Bruce, M.D.  
Professor of Medicine

RAB/epd

T. L. DORPAT, M. D.

BLAKELEY PSYCHIATRIC GROUP  
2271 NORTHEAST FIFTY-FIRST STREET  
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April 22, 1968

Mr. Robert J. Block  
Board of King County Freeholders  
King County Courthouse, Room 905  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Block:

We sincerely believe that the present elected office of a coroner is hopelessly out of date and should be replaced by a modern medical examiner system. We urge the Board of King County Freeholders to write a medical examiner system into the proposed King County Charter.

Respectfully yours,

*T. L. Dorpat M.D.*

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TLD:kk

*W. H. Dickinson*  
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*J. M. Rice, M.D.*  
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*Sam G. Jones M.D.*

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Y. KUMASAKA, M. D.  
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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98116  
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PEDIATRICS AND PED. ALLERGY

April 22, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

As a practicing physician in King County, I would strongly recommend that a county medical examiner system be initiated in our area.

This long overdo system should be a must to insure a modern medico-legal examiner system for our area.

This new approach (medical examiner) would insure accurate information regarding the causes of death -- which is sorely needed in our area.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Samuel H. Tarica, M.D.

cc Robert Block  
Norman Ackley  
Paul Friedlander

T. L. DORPAT, M. D.

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*Don G. Jones M.D.*

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ROBERT A. FITHIAN, M. D.  
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19705 1ST AVENUE SOUTH  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98166

TAYLOR 4-5900

April 22, 1968

Mr. Norman B. Ackley  
% Board of King County Freeholders  
King County Courthouse Room 905  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Norm:

I'd like to enlist your support for a medical examiner system, both in King County and in the state as a whole, as the WSMA is recommending.

I'm sure you are familiar with the with the shortcomings of a medicolegal agency administered through a politically-oriented Coroner's system; but perhaps you have not heard the myriads of complaints physicians have had about inability to get any autopsy in suspicious or medically significant cases falling under the King County Coroners' jurisdictions; frequently inadequate and incomplete autopsies with meaningless diagnoses when they are done, and difficulty in communication with the present examiner within the framework of the Coroner's system as it has operated under both political parties.

Keep up the good work in this area and all the areas we need so desperately to up-date in local government (as well as state government).

Sincerely,

  
Robert A. Fithian, M.D.

# SEAHURST MEDICAL CENTER

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FREDERICK G. HAZELTINE, M.D.  
JOHN J. MCCANN, M.D.  
JOHN A. STERNER, M.D.

## SURGERY

RODNEY B. HEARNE, M.D.

April 22, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht, and  
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN ON THE BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS:

As a practicing pediatrician in King County since 1949 and a life long resident of Washington except while away at the University of Pennsylvania, Medical Service, and internship and residency out of State, I wish to whole heartedly recommend a change from the coroner system to a medical examiner system in King County.

As you may have heard, there is a program going to find out the cause of sudden death syndrome in infants in King County at the present time. This was only set up in the past few years after the pediatricians and other doctors in the Community were "up in arms" at the coroner system who invariably signs these infants deaths as due to pneumonia, sometimes without autopsy. This often left the family with a life long guilt feeling that they had not supplied the necessary medical care for their child, although the infant may have had no symptoms when put to bed in the evening. We know from autopsy fact that there is no evidence of pneumonia in most of these infants, and it is taking a lot of research endeavor to track down the true cause. There are many other instances I have heard over the years where incomplete autopsy under the coroner's system has failed to lead to a satisfactory cause of death in my mind. With the complexities of chemicals in our environment these days, the controversy over drugs like LSD, marijuana, heroin and the like needs a doctor to evaluate the effects on the body, not a lay person. The doctor would know all the facilities available in

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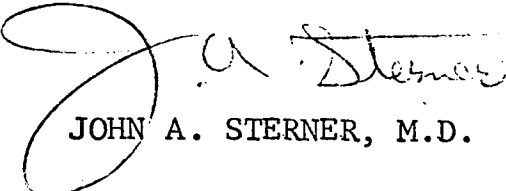
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our Community at the University Hospital, Children's Orthopedic Hospital and elsewhere to make the proper diagnoses and evaluation. We need the best people available to make the evaluation at the autopsy table in suspect cases and these people should be chosen by the medical doctors in the community and not by popular vote of the people; you do not choose a surgeon to perform an operation on yourself or your children by popular vote of the people, but by reputation and training of the surgeon involved. The operation after death is just as important into the progress of medicine and society as a whole, and requires the same type of reputation and training.

Thank you for your consideration and help in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



JOHN A. STERNER, M.D.

JAS/gd

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April 22, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

This writer wishes to urge the King County Board of Freeholders that they make every effort possible to install a Medical Examiner System for the entire system for the entire State of Washington and that every effort be made to obtain such a system for King County.

On several occasions, this writer has not been at all satisfied with the autopsy reports which come from the coroner's office in regard to patients which have been under his care and have expired. A recent case comes to mind and I am still not certain as to just what the cause of this man's death was and I do not feel that the present coroner system is an adequate one.

I would most strongly urge the Board of Freeholders to urge conversion to a Medical Examiner System.

Very truly yours,

*Irving Tobin M.D.*  
Irving Tobin, M.D.

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Lothar H. Pinkers, M.D.

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April 22, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

I understand that information is being gathered by the Freeholders with respect to the desirability of a medical examiner system in King County to replace the current coroner system. For the past six years I have attended a large number of patients in the Emergency Room of Overlake Memorial Hospital. All too large a number of these have died before coming to the Emergency Room or shortly after their admission to the Hospital. In the past these have been turned over to the coroner for investigation of the cause of death and certification. On a number of these cases, I have followed these to autopsy examination by the coroner's physician. It has been my impression on occasion that these examinations have been cursory and not done with the deliberation that would be exercised by a physician trained in forensic pathology. Our current coroner system is based upon an elective official who need not have any medical training whatsoever. Autopsies are performed by a physician but this physician is not a person trained in forensic pathology nor certified as having received training by an accredited residency in pathology. It is all too easy, through pure lack of training, for this current combination of officials to overlook completely significant causes of disease or trauma when certifying a person's death.

I strongly urge the King County Board of Freeholders to write into the proposed new King County Charter a section replacing the current elective coroner system with a modern medical examiner system. This will do much to improve the processing and investigation of cases of death arising from violent or suspicious causes. In an area in which population growth is as rapid as that of King County, only the most modern techniques should be used in the investigation of disease and trauma. I strongly urge inclusion of the medical examiner system in the new King County Charter.

Very truly yours,



L. H. Pinkers, M.D.

LHP/sg

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JOSEPH J. KOUTSKY, M.D.  
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April 22, 1968

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

RE: County Medical  
Examiner System

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

I merely want to drop you a short note  
expressing my views on the above system which I  
think is quite important and should be used in  
place of our present Coroner system.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph J. Koutsky, M. D.

JJK/pg

DANIEL R. KOHLI, M. D.  
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April 22, 1968

Paul Friedlander  
Board of King County Freeholders  
Room 905, King County Court House  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Paul:

The Washington State Medical Association has called my attention to the Coroner problem. I am sure you are well aware of the disadvantages of our present coroner system and the need for a highly specialized professional in this important job. Hiring a non-professional politician to this position seems as foolish as to hire him to run the law enforcement, public health or fire departments--- or for that matter as a football coach.

I urge you to help correct this archaic office.

Sincerely,



Daniel R. Kohli, M. D.

DRK/nMc

ALAN L. W. GUNSUL, M. D.  
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April 22, 1968

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

Dear Sir:

I strongly favor a County Medical Examiners system in our county. Being that we have the University of Washington School of Medicine located in our county it seems archaic that we are afflicted with an elective non-medical coroner. The coroner has the apparent power to decide whether an autopsy is indicated, and a practicing physician even on request sometimes will not be honored. In the past I have had patients die at home for which I could not sign the death certificate because I did not know the cause of death, and have requested the coroner to perform an autopsy. This request has been denied and the patient has been signed out with a diagnosis of stroke or heart attack.

I believe that with a department of pathology in the University training system that we could have trained pathologists performing a service to our county under the direction of their professors while they learn the various ramifications of their speciality. I believe the position of coroner should be removed from one of politics to one of professional ability in the field of pathology.

Sincerely,



Alan L.W. Gunsul, M.D.

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April 23, 1968

Mr. Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman  
Board of King County Freeholders  
King County Courthouse, Room 905  
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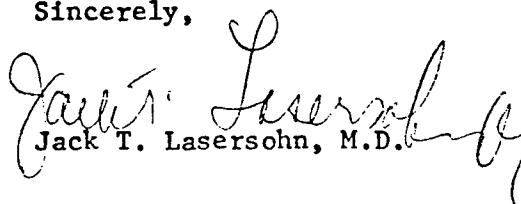
As a pathologist practicing in Seattle and as a citizen interested in good government and accurate medical statistics, I should like to express my support for a medical examiner system here in the state of Washington and in King County.

The importance of a medical examiner system rather than a coroner system has been widely recognized throughout the larger cities of the United States with the exception of Chicago. Dr. Milton Helpert, the Medical Examiner of the city of New York, has shown what value the scientific investigation of cause of death can be in a recent murder trial which made the headlines in Seattle and through the rest of the country. However, it is not these dramatic things which are the most important functions of the medical examiner. The most important functions are the consistent application of a high level of training and inquiry into the everyday unexpected death. This is the sort of inquiry that turns up unexpected causes of death or morbidity which could be of public health importance such as epidemics of unusual infectious diseases.

Along with the enactment of a medical examiner system, it will be necessary to fund such a system so that 1) a competent forensic pathologist may be attracted to King County and 2) his office will have adequate funds to carry out the sort of investigation that only a medical examiner or similarly trained forensic pathologist can do.

It is my feeling that a medical examiner's office in a populous county such as King County serves to protect all of the citizens of the county in much the same way as does the King County Department of Public Health. Proper investigation of death is a simple safeguard which we cannot ignore any longer. I sincerely hope you will incorporate a medical examiner system into the new King County Charter.

Sincerely,

  
Jack T. Lasersohn, M.D.

JTL/kjr

ALFRED L. SKINNER, M.D.

*Pediatrics*

April 23, 1968

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3003 81st Avenue, S.E.  
MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON

Mr. Norman B. Ackley  
Board of King County Freeholders  
King County Court House, Room 905  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Ackley:

I write in support of a county medical examiner's system.

I was a medical student at Harvard where the Professor of Forensic Medicine was the medical examiner for Middlesex County. In my courses of instruction in medical school I had the opportunity to observe the operation of a medical examiner's system, and since have contrasted this with the coroner's system presently in effect here.

Clearly, the clinical medical examiner's system is much superior.

Sincerely yours



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Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman,  
Board of King County Freeholders  
Dear Sir

I urge you to help replace the  
present coroner system with a  
county medical examiner system.

Respectfully submitted,  
David M. Smith, M.D.

# Washington State Medical Association

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April 23, 1968

Mr. Paul R. Meyer, Ex. Secretary  
Board of King County Freeholders  
905-A King County Court House  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Paul:

Representing the King County Medical Society before the Board of Freeholders  
7:30 p.m. May 1 on the need for a county medical examiner system will be:

Lowell E. White, Jr., M.D.  
Chairman, Legislative Committee  
King County Medical Society

William J. Brady, M.D., Coroner  
Multnomah County  
Portland, Oregon

Dr. Brady is a specialist in forensic pathology, and will be able to report to the Board on the need for a medical examiner system in the metropolitan area, costs of the system, and potential abuses possible under the current coroner system.

We look forward to seeing you May 1.

Sincerely yours,

Washington State Medical Association



HARLAN R. KNUDSON

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cc: Dr. LaZerte

Dr. White

RICHARD C. GREENLEAF, M.D., F.A.C.P.  
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April 24, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

As the immediate Past President of the King County Medical Society and as a physician who has practiced internal medicine in this community since 1949, I would like to add my voice to those which are urging a most needed basic change from the archaic coroner system to the modern medico-legal examiner approach in King County.

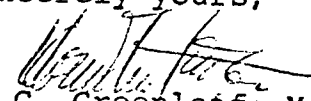
I will not go into all the reasons that could be marshalled in support of this position but would like to mention only a couple from my own personal point of view.

I know from my own experience, first of all that post-mortem examinations by the Coroner's Office in this area are very difficult to obtain. I have had several patients die suddenly and inexplicably, some of whom had access to barbiturates and other potentially lethal medication. When the coroner's office was advised they refused to take the matter further, signing out the death certificate as either a stroke or heart attack without evidence or knowledge in support of such a diagnosis. One result of such a method is to make any medical statistics which should be easily available and certainly most valuable totally worthless. Another result is to deprive the physicians of information that would be most helpful in caring for other patients still alive. A third result is to create a situation in which possible criminal acts might go undetected.

A post-mortem examination poorly done by poorly trained people is almost as bad as no examination at all. If a proper medical examiner system could be instituted with facilities and offices located at King County Hospital a wealth of information and material would be available, not only to physicians but in research and teaching in the medical and legal aspects for the University of Washington and others concerned. Such a department has high priority in other urban communities and has proven to be of great value to the people.

I earnestly urge your careful consideration of these and all other aspects of the problem.

Sincerely yours,

  
R. C. Greenleaf, M.D.

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UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98105

School of Medicine  
Department of Surgery

April 24, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

I'm writing in support of the proposition to replace the Office of Coroner with a County Medical Examiner system.

I've been licensed in the State of Washington since 1956 and have practised medicine in King County, Washington since that time. It is not possible for me to recount a specific example when error was made in the diagnosis of cause of death by the coroners office. However, in every instance where the death of the individual made the body a coroners case, if I needed an accurate diagnosis as to the cause of death with explicit detail as to the condition of the various organs and systems of the body, such information was not forthcoming from the Office of the Coroner. In those instances I have made every effort to have the autopsy performed by a pathologist, either at King County Hospital, or at the Hospital of the University of Washington, in order to have detailed information from the autopsy report.

Perhaps my criticism is unjustified for I'm sure in instances where exactness of diagnosis is absolutely essential that Doctor Wilson in the coroners office would make every effort to acquire such diagnosis. I'm also sure that the numbers of autopsies, in relationship to the personnel they have, influences the character of the report significantly.

As a tax payer in the county, I would not at all object to increased cost, which I am certain would result from the conversion of the Office of Coroner to that of a County Medical Examiners system. Nevertheless, the gains to be experienced greatly outweigh what such added budgetary expenditures may be. I hope that you will find it possible to act in support of a County Medical Examiners system.

Sincerely yours,

*Loren C. Winterscheid*

Loren C. Winterscheid, M.D., Ph.D.  
Associate Professor  
Department of Surgery  
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cc: Gordon D. LaZert, M.D.

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PATHOLOGY LABORATORY  
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BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON 98225

April 24, 1968

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

RE: Medical Examiner System

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

It is my conviction, concurred upon by the Whatcom County Coroner, Dr. Robert Rood, that the elected office of coroner should be replaced by a medical examiner system. We are not convinced that a county system will accomplish the necessary changes.

We in the rural areas are in need of a consultative service which a statewide system could provide. We believe that county programs will result in considerable duplication in administration, physical facilities and technical equipment necessary to provide a modern efficient medical-legal system.

In a mobile increasingly urban society which our state represents, our problems in the more rural areas of the state become your problem. The problems in the north end of King County are equally Snohomish County problems and a statewide system would facilitate the solution to those problems which bridge the increasingly more difficult and ill defined lines which separate our counties.

I sincerely hope that the King County Board of Freeholders will support the statewide system. The legislative council subcommittee on local government have thoroughly investigated the need for such a system and recommended to the legislative council that it be made a matter of legislative action at the next session of the legislature. Apparently for political purposes and other less obvious reasons, this recommendation was defeated in the legislative council meeting of March 9th, an action led by Representative Robert Grieve of Seattle, supported by Ted Peterson of Seattle and John Stender of Seattle. It is difficult for me to understand why these legislators cannot appreciate the obvious need for a sound statewide system.

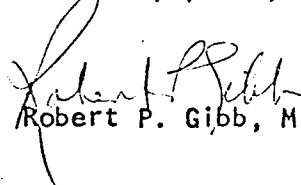
The medical examiner bill has been supported by the Washington State Medical Association and a number of other organizations



interested in this problem, including the legislative subcommittee which held numerous hearings with regard to the need. This bill has now been referred to the Committee on Public Assistance and Health, chairmaned by Representative William S. Day of Spokane.

I am told that many individuals in Spokane are fearful that a statewide system will be dominated by Seattle and are therefore not in favor of such. This type of provincial thinking will not only prove costly to the taxpayers of the State of Washington, but would undoubtedly result in considerable duplication and a less efficient and scientifically less well run service. Your assistance in promoting a statewide system is solicited.

Sincerely yours,

  
Robert P. Gibb, M. D.

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WILLIAM WEINSTEIN, M. D.  
INTERNAL MEDICINE AND CARDIOLOGY  
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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101

April 24, 1968

*Mail to  
Post Office*

Mr. Robert J. Block  
Columbia Cascade Corp.  
Logan Building  
Seattle, Wn. 98101

Dear Bob:

I feel we need a state-wide medical examiner system instead of our  
archaic coroner's system.

Sincerely,

*Bill*

William Weinstein, M.D.

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LABORATORY OF PATHOLOGY  
THE SWEDISH HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER  
1212 COLUMBIA STREET  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104

April 24, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

This letter is to urge you to recommend to the King County Board of Freeholders that the present coroner system in this county be replaced by a medical examiner system.

The examples of inadequacy, inefficiency and incompetence of the current coroner system are innumerable and I'm sure many specific examples have been and will be related to your committee.


It is worthy of note that the major cities and area in this country with the best medico-legal structure all have medical examiner systems. For instance Baltimore, Miami, Houston, Ohio, etc.

The current proposed medical examiner system is a realistic and economically practical method of providing adequate medico-legal services to this county.

Again, I strongly urge the Freeholders to recommend adaptation of such a system.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

  
William B. Hamlin, M.D.  
Director of Laboratory

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STEPHEN A. BUNCH, M. D.

INTERNAL MEDICINE

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98166

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April 23, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

The present King County Coroner system has demonstrated a failure to relate closely with the medical community, and to provide adequate amounts of forensic medical information in cases of unattended death.

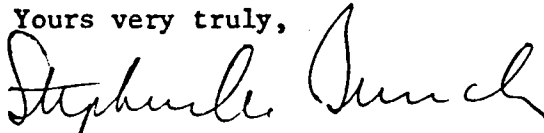
An example of this from my personal experience is the death of a patient seen by no doctor in over 18 months, living with a psychotic spouse, who was dead upon arrival at a hospital. The response of our present system was to ascertain that this woman had in the past been treated for cardiac disease. No autopsy was performed. It is quite impossible in this circumstance to be certain that this woman died of natural causes.

In seven years of practice in this community, I have yet to receive any officially transmitted report of autopsy findings. The only information which I have received has resulted from chance acquaintance with an autopsy surgeon.

Because the postmortem examination is one of the important tools for maintaining acuteness in medical practice, and because the work of the coroner's office could be materially aided by closer cooperation with the medical community, it would seem reasonable to push aggressively for a closer liaison between these groups.

Accordingly, I urge that the Freeholders include in the proposed King County Charter a medical examiner system.

Yours very truly,



Stephen A. Bunch, M. D.

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CHARLES H. DOCKHORN, M.D.

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April 24, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

I feel that the coroner system should be replaced by a  
medical examiner system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. H. Dockhorn, M.D.".

C. H. Dockhorn, M. D.

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NEIL J. ELGEE, M. D.  
INTERNAL MEDICINE AND ENDOCRINOLOGY  
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SEATTLE, WASH. 98104

April 24, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

For many years I have favored a medical examiner system to replace the elected office of coroner and I should like to encourage the Board of King County Freeholders to write such a provision into the proposed King County Charter. My reasoning behind my support of such a proposal is that of increasing the professionalism and training that are prerequisite to the responsible performance of the duties of this office. A modern medico-legal examiner system should replace our current system. I trust the Board will consider this proposal in their deliberations.

Sincerely yours,



Neil J. Elgee, M. D.

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LOWELL L. EDDY, M. D.

5416 BARNES AVENUE N.W.

SEATTLE, WASH. 98107

April 25, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

It was my impression when I served as a resident physician in the Pathology Department at Harborview Hospital in 1946 that more effort could have been used in determining an accurate cause of death by the County Coroner's office. This applied especially to people found unconscious and who were brought into the hospital prior to their demise.

Since that time there have been other instances that I have noted in my years of private practice of medicine in which a more aggressive approach should have been used by the Coroner's office in determining causes of death.

It seems logical to me that County Medical examiner system would raise the standard of medical excellence needed in this field.

Very truly yours,

*Lowell L. Eddy, M.D.*  
Lowell L. Eddy, M. D.

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April 25, 1968

Mr. Richard R. Alvrecht  
Chairman  
Board of King County Freeholders  
King County Courthouse  
Room 905  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Alvrecht:

I understand that the Board of Freeholders will soon consider replacing the elective office of coroner with a County Medical Examiner system. I would like to express my wishes that this be carried out.

In these days of increasing information and increasing specialization, the need for a professional specialist in the field of forensic medicine to carry out examinations of this type has become very clear. The forensic pathologist has had special training, and is far better equipped to carry out these duties than a physician or non-physician who has not had specialized training in this area. Certainly the voter is in no position to evaluate a man's competence in this area, and it makes far less sense for this job to be filled by the wishes of the voters than it would for police chiefs, fire chiefs, or hospital superintendents to be elected by the voters at large. Furthermore, a professional in this area should be allowed to have job security, based on evaluation by appropriate overseeing elected officials, and not at the whim of the electorate in periods of political change.

I am aware of instances in other parts of the country where probable miscarriages of justice have arisen as a result of inadequate post-mortem examination by untrained, elected coroners, and I am sure most physicians have run into instances of this type.



Mr. Richard Alvrecht  
April 25, 1968  
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The duties of this office are too important, especially in a county of this size, for them not to be run by a professional whose major training lies in this area.

Yours very truly,



Bernard R. Levinthal, M. D.

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WM. DUDSON BACON, M. D.

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SEATTLE, WASH. 98133

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April 29, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

I am all in favor of replacing the ancient office of Coroner with a statewide medical examiner system. I also hope the Board of King County Freeholders writes a medical examiner system into its charter. The vast majority of physicians concur on this point. In fact the Washington State Medical Association has written a splendid summary on both the Coroner and the Medical Examiner Systems which I have enclosed and which I strongly endorse. I hope you will review the enclosure. I realize it will remove a juicy political office, but I feel that the abolition of the elected office of Coroner is definitely in the interest of progress because it is inadequate and should be replaced by a modern medico-legal examiner system.

Respectfully and constructively,

*William Dudson Bacon, M.D.*

William Dudson Bacon, M. D.

WDB/sj

JOHN PHILIP SAUNTRY, M. D., F.A.C.S.  
GENERAL AND THORACIC SURGERY  
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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98125

April 29, 1968

Mr. Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman  
Board of King County Freeholders  
King County Courthouse, Room 905  
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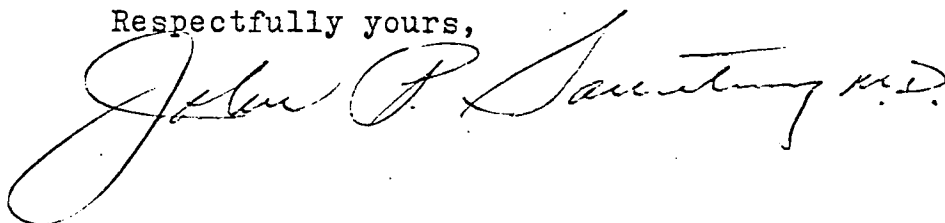
Dear Mr. Albrecht:

As a practicing physician in King County I wish to urge your support of the Medical Examiners Bill which is being proposed by the Washington State Medical Society. As a citizen of King County I feel that the rapidly rising crime rate and the more rigid guide lines established by recent Supreme Court decisions make the gathering of accurate scientific evidence of prime importance. For this reason, greater skill and judgment are needed both by pathologists and fully trained medical technologists in our communities. It is only in this way that reliable evidence can be given to the prosecutors.

As a professional man I see a number of cases each year wherein a patient expires and comes under the coroner's jurisdiction. The cause of death is seldom reported to me and when it is, I have always found it to be so superficial that the information was worthless to me.

I wonder how many people in King County are aware of the fact that they are depending upon the services of a part-time autopsy surgeon and a part-time veterinarian as a toxicologist for the gathering of scientific evidence which is used in the prosecution of criminals in our courts.

Respectfully yours,



JPS/bs

W. WYMAN ANDRUS, M. D.  
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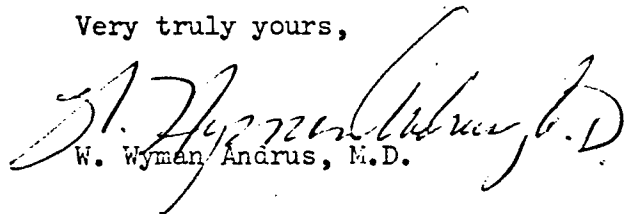
Mr. Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman  
Board of King County Freeholders  
King County Court House, Room 905  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

It is my opinion that the current coroner system in this county is inadequate and should be replaced by a modern medical-legal examiner system consisting of a forensic pathologist and adequate laboratory facilities to make proper diagnoses. One recent example from my own practice will help to illustrate this need. A female nurse in her forties had been treated for some time for severe depression. She had been on several different medications. One morning she was found dead at home and became a coroner's case. Subsequently the coroner's office told us they were unable to determine what the patient took or what the exact cause of death was. We called the office a number of times and were unable to get satisfaction. It was quite likely that the patient took her own life, but in view of the fact that the exact medication or method used was not elucidated, how can anyone be sure.

Please give this your urgent consideration in the interest of twentieth century medical practice.

Very truly yours,

  
W. Wyman Andrus, M.D.

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DEAN K. CRYSTAL, M. D.  
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JAY M. KRANZ, M. D.

April 30, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

I understand that the freeholders are going to consider replacing the elected Coroner with the county Medical examiner system. I think this is a marvelous idea. The current system may be comfortable in some areas, but in the brief period that I have been in practice, two instances of gross, almost unbelievable inaccuracies have directly involved me at the Coroner's office. Because documented things are of more significance than opinion, I would like to briefly detail these two instances.

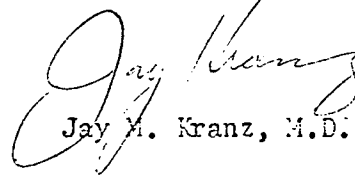
On August 28, 1964 an elderly man was found at the foot of the stairs of the swelling where he lived alone, and determined to be dead. The King County Coroner's office carried out an autopsy and determined the cause of death to be pneumonia. Consequently, the man was buried and there the matter would have ended had not his family exercised both guilt and good sense.

First they were appalled that the man had been sick enough with pneumonia to die and they had ~~ignored~~ <sup>not known</sup> this. Secondly, it seemed unreasonable that a man should die of pneumonia at the bottom of the stairs instead of in bed. Consequently, they asked the body be exhumed and three weeks later this was done at the Bonney Watson Funeral Parlor. In attendance were two highly qualified pathologists who had been hired by the family to carry out the second autopsy and I was present as a representative of the insurance company to observe the proceedings. The physician who carried out the autopsy for the Coroner's office was also present and he by the way was not a pathologist but actually a specialist in a subsurgical field. The second autopsy revealed a fractured skull and intracranial bleeding and swelling sufficient to have caused death. These findings were completely missed by the first examiner and to add a terrible joke to the whole affair, the lungs of this old gentleman showed no trace of pneumonia whatsoever. The second autopsy, therefore, proved beyond any shadow of a doubt that the man had fallen down the stairs, fractured his skull and died of a head injury. This changed not only the family's attitude but the insurance picture which, of course, involved double indemnity for accidental death and demonstrated the most obvious error in pathologic diagnosis that I have ever seen or heard tell of.

On a second occasion a patient of mine was found to have a tumor in his right lung. This had metastasized to the left lung by x-ray and I judged that his lung cancer was so far along that no therapy should be instituted. Consequently, I told his wife of his medical condition and expressed my sympathy and deep distress that medical knowledge had no answer for lung cancer at this stage of its progression. Several weeks later the man's name appeared in the obituary column and I was not surprised that he had passed to his reward. I was surprised, however, when the wife called me quite distraught to say that the coronor's autopsy showed that he had died of a heart attack and there was no mention of pulmonary malignancy which was so advanced that I felt he could not be operated upon. Approximately fifteen phone calls to the Coronor's office and various secretaries failed ever to connect me directly with the doctor who had done the autopsy. The report of the autopsy that was available to me was about one paragraph in length and completely inadequate by anyone's standards. Again the autopsy had been carried out by a man who is not the pathologist and who, as far as I know, had had no formal training in pathology at all.

These episodes failed to convince me that our current coronor system is fulfilling the requirements of this County. If only from the investigation of accidental traumatic or unusual death a good medical examiner's office determines foul play, accidental death, uncovers public health hazards, may be the first inclination of a new deadly disease in the neighborhood and is an invaluable aid to the practicing physician who needs to know exactly why the people die who are under his care. In order to fulfill such functions, accurate autopsies have to be performed by people who know how to do such things. To have a circumstance less than this is certainly to short change both the physicians and the victims in this community.

Sincerely,

  
Jay M. Kranz, M.D.

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ARTHUR C. TORGERSON, M.D.

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Seattle, Washington

April 30, 1968

Mr. Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman  
Board of King County Freeholders  
King County Courthouse, Room 905  
Seattle, Wn. 98104

Dear Sir:

Please consider my support for the  
establishment of a medico-legal examiner  
system which employs well trained  
individuals utilizing accurate methods  
in place of the coroner system  
which is inaccurate, inefficient, subject  
to political pressures but most  
of all not productive of the  
quality performance needed in this field.

Sincerely yours,

A.C. Torgerson, M.D.

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ARTHUR R. RATCLIFFE, M. D.

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14434 AMBAUM SOUTHWEST

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98166

CH 4-9986

May 1, 1968


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

Dear Sir:

I would like to voice the sentiment of what you will probably find to be a majority doctor opinion regarding the relative advantages of inacting a medical examiner system to replace the coroner's system. Though my practice involves only rare deaths. In those cases that I have encountered I have frequently been left with the feeling of a sour taste regarding coroner's autopsy report feeling it to be incomplete, not including details that I had specifically been looking for - and at times even having lack of cooperation from the coroner's office in the attempt to look for information.

It is also my feeling as a private citizen that this important role should be removed from our ballot, that it should not be one of a political election and the role of investigating suspicious deaths should be removed and exempt from as many political forces as possible.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. Ratcliffe M.D.', written in a cursive style.

Arthur R. Ratcliffe, M.D.

ARR:lt



S. W. ROWBOTTOM, M.D.

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222 North State  
KENT, WASHINGTON

May 4, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

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As a physician, I have found it extremely difficult if not almost impossible to get an autopsy report. The autopsy report is frequently inaccurate or perhaps inadequate.

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I believe that a medical examiner system or a so-called modern medicolegal examiner system would be far better.

Sincerely,



S. W. Rowbottom, M. D.

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CC James Curran  
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Sincerely,



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6221 NE Princeton Way  
Seattle, Washington 98115  
May 7, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

As a Seattle citizen and taxpayer I have long been apprehensive as to the competence and integrity of our coroner's office. I find that this concern is shared by many of my friends and neighbors.

It has come to my attention that an alternative is being proposed by which the coroner's functions would be performed by medical examiners of recognized skill and competence. As I understand it, the coroner's office would be abolished, and replaced by a medico-legal examiner system. While I do not know the details of this plan, the idea seems to have great merit. Such a system would offer greater assurance of expeditious and accurate determination of facts and causes of death when such determinations are required.

I earnestly recommend that the King County Board of Freeholders give serious consideration to this proposal in drafting the new King County Charter.

Sincerely yours,

  
Colin Robertson

# Washington State Medical Association

444 N.E. Ravenna Boulevard

Seattle, Washington 98105

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July 23, 1968

Mr. Fred Cook, Executive Secretary  
King County Medical Society  
105 Cobb Medical Building  
Seattle, Washington 98101

Dear Fred:

As you will recall Dr. White testified before the King County Board of Freeholders in support of having the county coroner be appointed instead of an elected official. This with the hope that making it an appointive office would have the county instigate a medical examiner system to replace the current antiquated office of coroner. Enclosed is a draft of the proposed Charter as prepared by the Board of Freeholders. Hearings will be held on the Charter 7:30 p.m. July 31 at the King County Court House and again 7:30 p.m. August 7 in the Ames Theater, Pacific Science Center.

I would like to encourage you and the King County Medical Society to give close review to this new Charter offering your support or possible amendments at one of these two hearings. If your Society believes this Charter is an improvement over the current form of county government, the Society might endorse and support the new Charter at the November 5 general election. Included in your endorsement should be consideration to providing financial support for adoption of the Charter. If a committee of your Society would like additional information on the Charter and to learn what the Society can do to assist in having it adopted, I would suggest you contact Mr. Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary, Board of King County Freeholders, 905-A King County Court House. I am sure Paul would be delighted to have a representative of the Freeholders meet with the Society.

Sincerely yours,

Washington State Medical Association



HARLAN R. KNUDSON

HRK:lnb

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Gordon LaZerte

Dr. Lowell E. White ✓

March 8, 1968

Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman  
King County Board of Freeholders  
King County Court House  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

As you may be aware, Snohomish County has elected a board of freeholders which, like your committee, faces the problem of redesigning county government.

It has been suggested that perhaps a meeting of representatives of our board and yours might be profitable to both, and particularly to ourselves.

Since the King County group has been activated longer than ours, perhaps you could advise us on the basis of experience of some problems that could be avoided or some avenues of approach that should be utilized.

If you would be interested in any such meeting, the board would appreciate hearing your suggestions for a time and place.

Good luck with your project.

Sincerely,

*Dick Welch*

Dick Welch, Temporary Chairman  
Snohomish County Board of Freeholders  
P.O. Box 1475  
Everett, Washington 98201

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*Reply sent by Albrecht with  
a follow-up telephone call by me 3-18-68*

March 12, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Welch:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to offer to you and your colleagues our congratulations on your election to the Board of Freeholders for Snohomish County. We are pleased that our neighbors to the north are undertaking to propose a home rule charter at the same time one is being prepared for King County.

While we recognize that Snohomish County's problems are not all the same as those of King County, the boundary between our counties is somewhat artificial and many of our problems do cross the county line. We will be happy to share with you any thoughts developed by the King County Freeholders concerning our common problems, and the structure of local government to deal with these problems.

We hope you will keep us advised as to your progress towards a home rule charter in Snohomish County. If you have any questions concerning our deliberations in King County, we would be happy to discuss them with you; and, of course, all of your Freeholders are welcome at any of our meetings.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

RICHARD R. ALBRECHT, Chairman

RRA:hg

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

March 15, 1968


Mr. Paul R. Meyer  
Executive Secretary  
Board of King County Freeholders  
905-A King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Paul:

Thanks very much for inviting me to speak before the King County Freeholders on Wednesday, April 10th. I shall be very happy to present my views before the freeholders on that date. I will be in Seattle the entire week of April 8th, so this will work out pretty well.

I look forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely,



Henry Seidel  
Administrative Assistant

HS:rc

March 19, 1968

Mr. John M. Fluke, President  
John Fluke Mfg. Co., Inc.  
P. O. Box 7428  
Seattle, Washington 98133

Dear Mr. Fluke:

On behalf of the King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for your letter addressed to our Chairman, Mr. Richard Albrecht. We are sorry that you were out of town on the 16th of March, and were therefore unable to attend our first public forum.

We will be holding two more forums. The next one is scheduled on April 2nd, at the Bellevue Public Library, at 7:30 p.m. The subject is to be the Chief Executive. The forum following that will be on April 17th, at a location yet to be announced; and the subject at that time will be the Public Personnel System.

If you are able to attend either of the two April forums, please let us know, so that we may schedule you on the agenda.

Very sincerely,

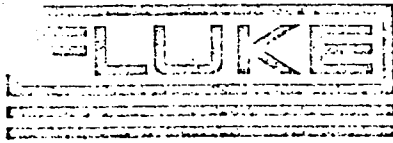
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Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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





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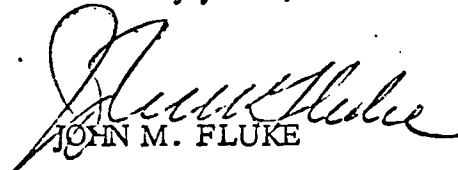
14 March, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

In reply to your invitation of 8 March to join you on the 16th to discuss the County legislative body, it will be impossible for me to be with you on that date since I will be in the East at that time. Perhaps I could take advantage of being with you on a latter date since this conflict prevents my accepting your invitation.

Sincerely yours,

  
JOHN M. FLUKE

JMF:sr

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March 19, 1968

Mr. Norm Beers, Executive Secretary  
West Seattle Chamber of Commerce  
4210 Southwest Oregon  
Seattle, Washington 98116

Dear Mr. Beers:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for your letter addressed to Mr. Richard Albrecht. We are sorry that you were not able to attend the March 16th public forum, and that you did not have the time to present the issues to your executive committee.

You will very shortly be receiving a second letter, announcing the second public forum, scheduled for April 2nd, at 7:30 p.m., in the Bellevue Public Library. We hope this will give you adequate time to discuss the issues and present them to the Freeholders. Enclosed is a copy of the list of questions to be discussed at the April 2nd forum; which you will also receive attached to the letter announcing this forum.

If you will be able to attend the April 2nd forum, we would appreciate knowing; so that you may be scheduled on the agenda.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

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

Encl.

# West Seattle CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(Formerly West Seattle Commercial Club)

4210 S.W. Oregon      Seattle, Washington 98116  
West 7-5550

March 13, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

Thanks for your invitation to attend your Freeholders meeting on March 16th. This notice was received only yesterday, March 12th, too late for our Chamber to make any studied constructive suggestions.

A consensus among several of our officers indicated the need for a total upgrading of our King County procedure, based upon a minimum of elected officers, on a non partisan basis and under the Executive direction of a single voice of authority. The Commissions could be enlarged from the rule of 3 to 5 or 7, and as an advisory commission. A more coordinated operation would benefit the total area.

Much more study is needed for any superficial recommendation. Possibly we may be invited to participate in another.

Sincerely,



Norm Beers  
Executive Secretary

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cc: Jack Andrew, President  
Manager of Seattle First Nat'l Bank  
West Seattle Branch

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March 18, 1968

Mr. Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary  
Board of King County Freeholders  
Room 905-A, King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Paul:

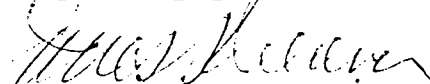
I received your most recent work schedule submitted under date of March 14. Please be advised that I will not attend a Sunday meeting of the King County Freeholders. I do not believe that there is anything so important to this program that we must also commit our Sundays to it. If the matter can not be scheduled on Saturday, it should be dropped.

I also wish to go on record at this time as requesting that certain legal opinions be secured from our counsel. I particularly would like to have a formal opinion submitted to the freeholders from legal counsel indicating what action, if any, we can take with reference to special districts in King County, particularly Water, Sewer, Fire, Drainage and such similar districts as we have. I believe that a formal provision to accomplish this effort should be in the drafting stage as soon as possible for submission to us for consideration.

Likewise, with reference to the municipality of Metropolitan Seattle, I have the same feeling and request that some legal opinion be secured from our counsel on this matter.

One other thing I would like to know is whether or not we are going to hear anything from any person who is high on the appointed manager system of government similar to the briefing we got in Multnomah County as to the elected executive.

Very truly yours,



James P. Curran

JPC/mn

March 19, 1968

Mr. William S. Leckenby, Chairman  
LECKENBY COMPANY  
1402 IBM Building  
Seattle, Washington 98101

Dear Mr. Leckenby:

On behalf of the Board of King County Freeholders, I want to thank you for your letter addressed to Mr. Richard Albrecht, outlining your views on the County Legislative Body. Your letter will be made part of the record of the March 16th public forum.

We will be holding two more public forums---on April 2nd, 7:30 p.m. at the Bellevue Public Library, and another on April 17th, covering the Chief Executive and the Public Personnel System.

If you will be able to attend either of these two forums, please let me know; so that we may schedule you on the agenda.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

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

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March 15, 1968

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN  
WILLIAM S. LECKENBY

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht,

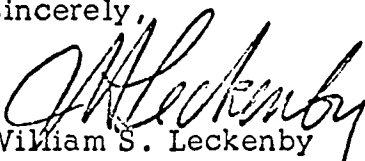
Much as I would like to, I will be unable to attend the public forum tomorrow morning at 10 -- since I will be out of the city.

I would, however, like to make you aware of my views on the County Legislative Body, as outlined in the attachment to your letter.

1. Size - 7 or 9.
2. Chosen - combination of district and "at large."
3. Length of office - 4 years.
4. Elected on a partisan basis.
5. Compensated by a combination of per diem and salary.
6. Considered part-time officials.
7. They should NOT be given any powers or duties beyond the passage of ordinances and policy guidelines.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

  
William S. Leckenby

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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



Office of the

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY  
OF KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

*Charles O. Carroll*  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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Administrative Assistant:  
VICTOR L. KRAMER

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WILLIAM L. KINZEL, Chief

March 25, 1968

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James E. Deno  
William V. S. Smith  
Herbert Danz

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EUGENE F. HOOPER, Chief  
Lynwood Fix  
Philip Short  
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Interviewers:  
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Harry Schneiderman

Pre-Sentence Reports:  
Wendell H. Paust

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

Thank you for your very kind letter of  
March 20.

As I explained to Mr. Meyer, your Executive  
Secretary, I do not feel that it is within my  
prerogative to comment on the management of other  
county offices or officials. Information in regard  
to the various county offices should come to your  
group from the other elected county officials.

Although, as you point out, the Prosecutor's  
Office does not come within the purview of the  
Freeholders, we nevertheless are most happy to  
cooperate with you.

Should you desire to have the functions of  
this office explained to your group, please let  
me know.

Sincerely,

*Charles O. Carroll*

CHARLES O. CARROLL  
Prosecuting Attorney

COC/bjm

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Office of the

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY  
OF KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

*Charles O. Carroll*  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

★ ★ ★ KING COUNTY COURT HOUSE . . . SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104 ★ ★ ★

Administrative Assistant:  
VICTOR L. KRAMER

TELEPHONE MAIN 2-5900

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WILLIAM L. KINZEL, Chief

April 18, 1968

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David W. Hotchkin  
Robert G. Maslan  
Thomas S. Wampold  
Paul M. Acheson  
Patricia G. Herber  
Jerry Brian Riess  
William L. Dowell  
James B. Gorham  
Steve Paul Moen  
C. N. Marshall  
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Michael DiJulio  
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WILLIAM L. PAUL, JR.  
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Mr. Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman  
Board of King County Freeholders  
905-A King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

In response to your letter of  
April 17, please be informed that I will  
plan on appearing before the King County  
Freeholders at 8:30 p.m. on May 1.

If I am unable to appear, Mr.  
Kinzel, our Chief Criminal Deputy, and  
Mr. Kennedy, our Chief Civil Deputy, will  
be present to represent me.

Yours truly,

*Charles O. Carroll*

CHARLES O. CARROLL  
Prosecuting Attorney

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KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

402 KING COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98104

March 21, 1968

RALPH R. STENDER  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

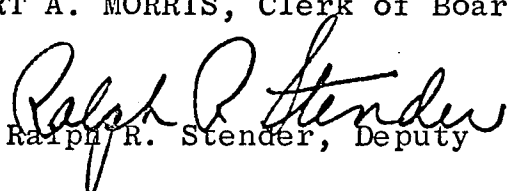
Mr. Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman  
Board of King County Freeholders  
905-A King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Sir:

In regard to your invitation to appear at the March 27th meeting of the King County Freeholders, please be advised that I would be pleased to be in attendance at 7:30 P. M. on that date.

Very truly yours,

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

By:  Ralph R. Stender, Deputy

RRS:mdl

*Phone 2-22 - changed date to apr 10<sup>th</sup> instead - ok*  
*ppm*

CAMPUS B. P. W. LUNCHEON CLUB

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

March 22, 1968

Mr. Paul R. Meyer  
Executive Secretary  
Board of King County Freeholders  
905-A King County Court House  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Thank you for the copy of your letter to Mrs. Peggy Peterson, Chairman of our Civic Participation Committee, accepting her invitation to have a member of your organization address our members at our next meeting.

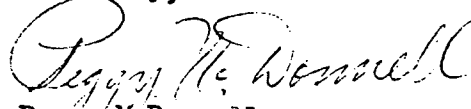
We are very pleased to know that Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman, Board of King County Freeholders, may be our guest and that in the event his schedule will not permit him to be there, you will speak in his place.

Campus Business and Professional Women's Luncheon Club will meet next Friday, March 29, 12 Noon to 1:00 PM, at Woerne's European Cafe, 4108 University Way N. E.

Because we meet only once a month it is necessary for us to conduct a combination business and program meeting during the one hour period. We hope that Mr. Albrecht or you, as our guest, will bear with us while club business is taken up during luncheon the first part of the hour. Our speaker can plan to have the second half hour for his presentation and perhaps a little of that time could be allotted for questions and answers.

We look forward to learning more about King County Freeholders.

Cordially,

  
Peggy McDonnell  
President

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

WASHINGTON STATE  
ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

106 MAPLE PARK  
OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

March 25, 1968

Mr. Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary  
Board of King County Freeholders  
Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Paul:

This came today, and as the papers report, it may be of more than passing interest to you and the King County Freeholders.

I would suggest writing NACO for duplicate originals, rather than further reproducing this.

Sincerely,

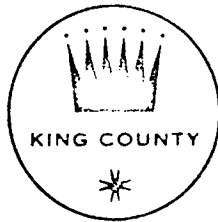


GARY D. LOWE

GDL:LVJ

Enclosure

JOHN T. O'BRIEN  
COMMISSIONER FIRST DISTRICT  
ED MUNRO  
COMMISSIONER SECOND DISTRICT  
JOHN D. SPELLMAN  
COMMISSIONER THIRD DISTRICT



L. B. JOHNSON  
PURCHASING AGENT

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

KING COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON

KING COUNTY COURT HOUSE - SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, 98104 - MA 2-5900

March 29, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

Thank you for your letter of March 26th addressed to all  
County Elected Officials and Department Heads.

This department does not have anything at the moment to  
bring before your Board.

It at any time we can be of assistance in any way, please  
do not hesitate to call on us.

Very truly yours,

KING COUNTY

  
L. B. JOHNSON  
Purchasing Agent

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR · CITY OF SEATTLE

J. D. BRAMAN MAYOR

March 29, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 27 and also the copy of the circular notice sent on March 19 and telling of the second Public Forum to be held on April 2.

I will be most happy to lend any assistance I can to the Board of Freeholders in resolving the many difficult problems which they will have to contend with. I think you will understand that there is a certain delicacy in my becoming too directly involved officially in this matter, inasmuch as it is necessary, and we do, maintain cordial and cooperative operations between the present Board of Commissioners under the existing structure.

It would appear better if at some appropriate time I met with your Board and responded to questions which members might care to raise, rather than my forwarding somewhat gratuitous comments. If you feel this would be helpful to you, perhaps we could discuss a suitable time for such a meeting.

Sincerely yours,

J. D. Braman  
Mayor

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J. C. EWING  
KING COUNTY PROPERTY AGENT  
608 KING COUNTY COURT HOUSE

**King County**  
STATE OF WASHINGTON  
**Seattle**

98104

March 29, 1968

Board of King County Freeholders  
905-A King County Court House  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Attention: Richard R. Albrecht, Chairman

Gentlemen:

We appreciated receiving your report and thoughts as outlined in your letter of March 26th, 1968.

In line with your request for any of us to forward or deliver in person any suggestions we might have for your committee, we are enclosing Xerox copies of an Article appearing in the current Public Works magazine for distribution to the Freeholders.

Our eye was caught by the fact that the article covers a community with roughly similar population figures to King County, and we hope there might be an idea in the article that might contribute to your final recommendations.

Yours very truly,

KING COUNTY PROPERTY DEPARTMENT

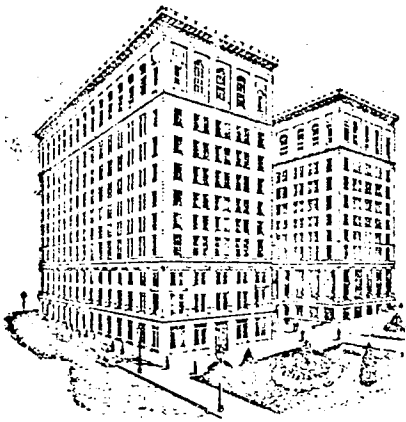
J. C. EWING, Property Agent

JCE:ee  
Encl.

MAR 29 1968

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# King County

STATE OF WASHINGTON

Seattle

98104

April 1, 1968

OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR

ROBERT A. MORRIS  
COUNTY AUDITOR

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

Thanks for your letter of March 27th. In regard to my health I am feeling much better, and I am anxious to be of any help to your Board in any way possible. Ed Logan, with his 32 years experience was a help to you, and I am sure Ralph Stender with his 22 years will also be of some help.

The ten heads of my departments have a total of 238 years, so I feel the County has been well protected as far as this office is concerned, and I feel after 28 years as Auditor that this office has duties that should not be abolished by appointment of an Auditor.

Our Computer Department pays all bills and checks each department budget monthly, and the Index Department where all documents are filed or recorded is very important.

Maybe someday I can get together with you, but my Doctor has given me orders not to get too involved in meetings. However, my department heads are available to you at any time.

I know you have a very good committee working on the Charter and may your efforts be very successful.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT A. MORRIS  
County Auditor

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P.O. BOX 1209  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98111  
PHONE MAin 2-8124

# Port of Seattle

April 3, 1968

*Commission*  
MERLE D. ADLUM  
MINER H. BAKER  
JOHN M. HAYDON  
FRANK R. KITCHELL  
ROBERT W. NORQUIST  
  
*General Manager*  
J. ELDON OPHEIM

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

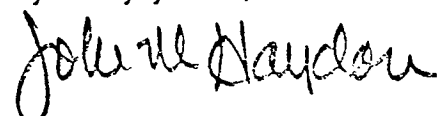
The Port of Seattle Commission would be pleased to meet with the Board of King County Freeholders, preferably in a private session, to discuss the relationships between the Port Commission and King County government.

There are two major statutory links between the Port of Seattle and King County. One is that under which the King County Treasurer is the ex-officio treasurer of the Port in the handling of all Port funds and warrants and in the investment of temporarily idle funds. In addition, the Port Commission is required to file its annual budget showing the forthcoming port district tax levy with the Board of King County Commissioners by no later than the Tuesday following the first Monday in October, and the King County Assessor spreads the port tax levy on the tax rolls in the port district, whose boundaries are co-extensive with those of King County.

The Port does, however, find in some areas need for cooperative relationships with King County government. A number of these areas include regional airport matters, arterial road systems, particularly around Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, zoning problems, etc. In addition, the Port finds itself involved with problems with other limited-purpose taxing districts, such as sewer and water districts, most particularly at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. The Port currently has sanitary and industrial sewage service contracts with Des Moines Sewer District, and we are negotiating with the Val-Vue Sewer District abutting the airport on the north end for additional sewerage service. During the course of a meeting I am sure other areas of interest would be developed.

We will be in touch with your Executive Secretary as to the most convenient time for both our groups to meet.

Very truly yours,



JOHN M. HAYDON, President  
Port of Seattle Commission

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cc: Port Commission

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Superior Court of the State of Washington  
for the County of King

Department of Presiding Judge

April 4, 1968

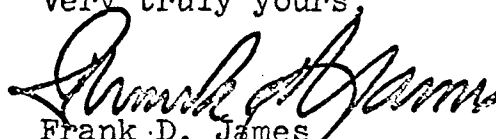
King County Court House  
Seattle, Washington 98104

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

Your letter of March 27 addressed to Judge William J. Wilkins of the King County Superior Court has been referred to me for response in behalf of the court. The King County judges very much appreciate your invitation to participate with you in the drafting of a new charter for King County. Our Executive Committee has concluded that such participation should be on an individual basis, and the judges will be given your mailing address, telephone number as well as that of your executive secretary, Mr. Paul Meyer.

Very truly yours,

  
Frank D. James  
Presiding Judge

FDJ:jb

Superior Court of the State of Washington  
for the County of King

Department of Presiding Judge

King County Court House  
Seattle, Washington 98104

April 16, 1968

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

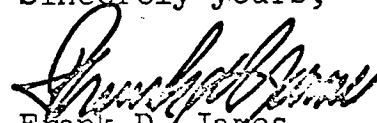
Dear Mr. Albrecht:

This is in further response to  
your letter of March 27 concerning participa-  
tion by judges of the Superior Court in your  
deliberations.

We have appointed a committee of  
judges to work more closely with you. They  
are Judge Morell E. Sharp, chairman, and  
Judges Story Birdseye and Francis Walterskirchen.

The judges will be especially inter-  
ested in participating in any of your delibera-  
tions which directly concern the functioning  
of the courts such as the manner of selection  
of the county clerk. Please communicate di-  
rectly with Judge Sharp when our consultation  
or advice is desired.

Sincerely yours,

  
Frank D. James  
Presiding Judge

FDJ:mw

cc - Judge Sharp  
- Judge Birdseye  
- Judge Walterskirchen

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March 30, 1968

Mr. Paul Meyer  
Mr. Richard Albrecht  
King County Board of Freeholders  
King County Court House  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Meyer and Mr. Albrecht:

The Snohomish County Board of Freeholders asked me to express their appreciation and thanks for your visit last Thursday night. Talking with you was very helpful and informative for us.

We look forward to getting together with you again, either at one of your meetings or at one of ours.

Sincerely,



Ann Rutter  
Secretary

P.O. Box 1475  
EVERETT, 98201

# CITY OF NORMANDY PARK

TELEPHONE  
TAYLOR 4-2600

240 S.W. 200TH  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98166

April 16, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

Your letter of April 1, 1968, requesting information from cities regarding the structure and operation of King County Government was read at the April 11 City Council meeting. The Council requested that I thank you for this request and to express their appreciation for being contacted for our views.

While the Council does not have any suggestions now, we will submit any opinions that may come up in the future.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
Gilbert T. Bremicker, Jr.  
City Manager

GTB:cb

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PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY  
Tacoma, Washington 98147 / LEnox 7-8611  
College of Arts and Science

April 18, 1968

Mr. Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary  
Board of King County Freeholders  
Room 905--A, King County Court House  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Meyer:

I regret that I was unable to attend the April 2nd Community Forum and to express my views on the form of the King County executive at that time. Perhaps you can communicate the ideas on the attached page to the members of the Board of Freeholders at your next meeting.

We appreciate your and Richard Albrecht's assistance in providing transportation for Chairman Allen to and from the airport. Enclosed is a copy of his speech. Also enclosed is a copy of Edwin Michaelian's November address and a paper by Raymond Walters listing arguments for and against the two forms of county-executives. It is hoped that this information will be helpful to you in developing a charter for King County. Our last meeting, which will be organized in the form of a workshop, will probably be delayed until May 10th, and we would like to call upon you or Richard Albrecht to give us a second progress report at that time. I'll call you about this later.

Sincerely,

*Lowell W. Culver*

Lowell W. Culver, Ph.D.  
Director, Urban Affairs Program

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Enclosures: (3)

CAMPUS B. P. W. LUNCHEON CLUB

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

April 8, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:


I want to thank you, on behalf of our membership, for the enlightening talk you gave at our meeting on March 29th. We are most appreciative of your generosity in giving us so much time from your very busy schedule. I feel that our members went away with a more complete concept and understanding of Freeholders and what you wish to achieve.

We regret that there was a certain amount of confusion in the serving of lunch (our first time to meet at that location, as I believe you know) and we hope it was not difficult for you.

All members who had the opportunity to hear you felt that your presentation was most informative and very worthwhile.

We wish you every success in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

  
Peggy McDonnell  
President

PM/hs





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**JOHN M. FLUKE**  
*President*

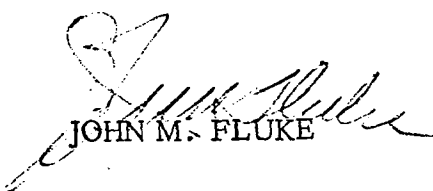
10 April, 1968

Mr. Paul R. Meyer  
Executive Secretary  
Board of King County Freeholders  
905-A King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Again, I have to be in two places at once, and since such is impossible, I was unable to join you on 2 April and I will not be able to be with you on the 17th, both due to previous engagements that I have made and which I cannot break. I am sorry for these conflicts, and I appreciate your invitation to join you.

Sincerely yours,

  
JOHN M. FLUKE

JMF:sr

JEROME FARRIS  
GERALD L. BANGS  
DONALD J. HOROWITZ  
J. HARTLY NEWSUM

FARRIS, BANGS & HOROWITZ  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW  
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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98101  
MAIN 4-8515

MARK LITCHMAN  
OF COUNSEL

April 4, 1968

Board of King County Freeholders  
905-A King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Attention: Paul R. Meyer  
Executive Secretary

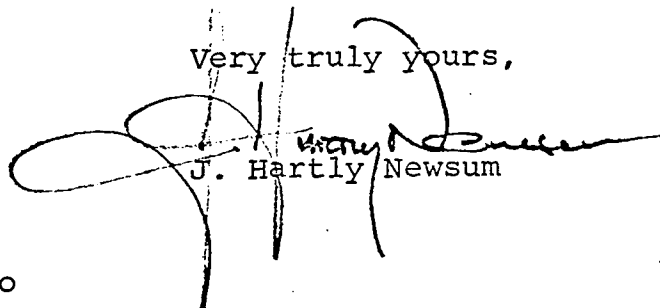
Dear Mr. Meyer:

On behalf of the Seattle Junior Chamber of Commerce, I wish to express our appreciation for the attendance of yourself and Richard Albrecht, Chairman of the Board of King County Freeholders at our luncheon meeting of April 3, 1968.

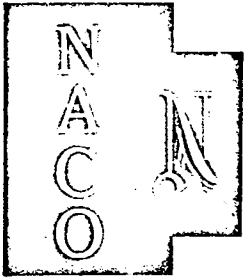
I regret that I was unable to remain for the conclusion of the program and please extend my apology to Mr. Albrecht for leaving in the midst of his talk.

Our members were very impressed with the presentation of Mr. Albrecht, and are enthusiastic about the efforts of the Freeholders to achieve necessary reforms in county government. I expect that in the future, we may wish to hear again a report from the Freeholders. Again, let me express my appreciation for your efforts in making this program possible.

Very truly yours,

  
J. Hartly Newsum

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## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of COUNTIES

EXECUTIVE OFFICES ■ 1001 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N.W. ■ WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

April 18, 1968

Mr. Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary  
Board of County Freeholders  
905-A King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Paul:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of April 2nd and I hope that you found the material we sent you by air-mail of value.

I much appreciate your particular help in getting me to the bus stop and I thank you for your kind remarks about my participation.

Looking forward to working with you on other projects. We send our kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Bernard F. Hillenbrand  
Executive Director

THE CITY OF

*Bellevue*

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES • III 116TH AVE. S. E. • BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON 98004 • GL 4-8161

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

April 19, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

Thank you for your kind invitation to appear or send a representative to your public forums.

At the moment there appear to be so many other pressing problems that we have not concerned ourselves with the problems of your board.

However, I would like to offer two personal observations or recommendations, to wit:

1. Regardless of the fact that the County's business is a large one involving many people, we firmly believe that the public's interest could best be served by election of representatives on a non-partisan basis. It may be urged that the electorate in King County has indicated a readiness to swing from one party to the other depending upon the attraction of the candidate. This is the way it should be but perpetuation of party system politics in the election of County Commissioners or Councilmen can lead the way from the selection of candidates upon qualifications to a selection of candidates by a party as our area grows in population.

2. Granting that capable administrators can be elected, the chief administrator of the County's affairs should be selected upon the basis of his education, experience and ability and his tenure should be dependent, not upon expiring terms or strength of the party that is "in" but should be subject to the extension or termination at any time depending upon the job that he is doing. The elected councilmen or policymakers are generally motivated most strongly to select and retain a chief administrator who will do a good job during their term and make a record to which the elected official can point with pride.

Mr. Richard R. Albrecht  
Page 2  
April 19, 1968

The modern trend in good government across the country is strongly towards the appointed manager or administrator. Let's quit relying upon "good luck" in electing a candidate who is not only popular but who is also a capable administrator.

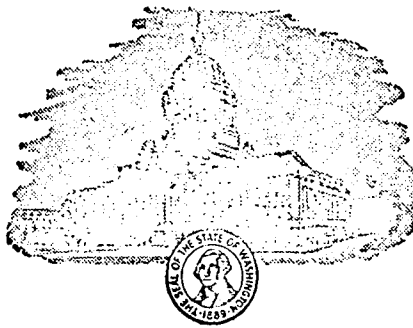
Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "K. A. Cole".

KENNETH A. COLE  
Mayor

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DAVID G. SPRAGUE  
THIRTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT  
806 35TH AVENUE  
SEATTLE 98122  
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BUS. TEL.: MA 3-7035



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House of Representatives  
STATE OF WASHINGTON  
OLYMPIA

May 2, 1968

Board of King County Freeholders  
Room 902, King County Court House  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98104

RE: COUNTY CHARTER

I set forth below some thoughts, in very simple form:

1. I believe the county needs an elected chief executive, to be chosen by the people at large. The voters must have an opportunity to tell their approval or disapproval of the way the county has been running.
2. The County Manager, if you wish to have one, should be under the executive.
3. I would like to see merit used in the personnel system.
4. In order to prevent domination by suburban interests in the "ward" system which you are proposing, I believe the executive is most important. I am in favor, however, of your ward system.
5. I am most concerned that the county be given sufficient powers to operate efficiently and responsively. I think, in the future, that the county may well be a much more extensive and active unit of local government than it has been for many, many decades

I would be glad to discuss this further with you.

  
David G. Sprague

DGS:mkf

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THE PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK of SEATTLE

EUGENE A. WRIGHT  
VICE PRESIDENT AND TRUST OFFICER

MAIN OFFICE  
Second Avenue at Marion

May 6, 1968

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

Dear Mr. Albrecht:

Helen Geisness at the Seattle-King County Bar Association office has sent to me a copy of your letter of April 30. I am chairman of the Judicial Administration Section of the local bar association.

You have asked our views with reference to the office of the county clerk, with particular attention to the manner in which the clerk is selected. It is not practical for me to call a meeting of all of the members of my section, but I have obtained the views of many of them and of other lawyers. Also, I have some personal views based on my own experience.

Over a period of 31 years I have worked with several men holding the office of county clerk and with many deputy clerks. As you know, the clerk must provide court clerks for each of the departments of the Superior Court and has a large staff of men and women in his office on the 9th floor. Overall, his administrative responsibility is probably greater than that of any other county official.

At the same time, he does not make policy, which should be a reflection of public opinion or the desires of the voters. He must comply with legal requirements, the desires of the judges, work within his budget, estimate future budgetary requirements, and be alert to the need for constant improvements.

Mr. Richard R. Albrecht  
May 6, 1968  
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Most lawyers are aware of the need for continuity in that office. We have seen good men and women, well trained and highly experienced, discharged or forced to resign. There have been times when these losses caused a hardship on the public, the courts and lawyers.

I certainly mean no criticism of Mr. Renschler, nor of the manner in which he has administered the office. While I was at the courthouse, I found him to be exceptionally cooperative, alert to the personnel problems that went along with the job, and desirous of improving his administrative procedures.

The county clerk and his staff should be taken out of the political arena. Their energy should be concentrated on serving the courts and the public, free of any political factors and the need to lay a foundation for re-election each four years.

Those best qualified to participate in the selection of a county clerk are the Superior Court judges and the practicing lawyers. The objective should be to have the clerk selected by the court, after some liaison and recommendations from the local bar associations. In this county, the latter would include the South King County, East King County, and Seattle-King County Bar Associations. I would expect that the judges would welcome these recommendations.

If the manner of selection is to be changed, you should try to build into the system a method of discipline and removal. Mistakes can be made and there should be a way to correct them, either by advising the clerk of his shortcomings, or by removing him after fair notice and hearing.

I hope these comments will be helpful. Call upon me if you need other suggestions.

Very truly yours,

cc: Mrs. Helen M. Geisness  
Jack P. Scholfield, Esq.

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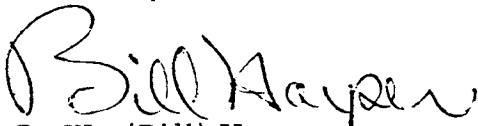
Thank you, Mr. Meyer, for your May 8 letter confirming Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman of the Board of the King County Freeholders, will be able to speak to the Lake City Rotary Club on Monday, May 13 at approximately 1:00 P.M.

We hope that Mr. Albrecht can be our guest at the luncheon about 12:15 to 12:30. Our actual program time begins at 1:00 P.M. and the meeting is adjourned at 1:30 P.M. promptly.

The Lake City Rotary Club meets at 12351 Bothell Way N.E., which is the Capo Club. There are usually adequate parking places on Bothell Way and Seattle-First National Bank parking spaces may be used just around the corner, one block west on 125th, if that should be necessary.

On behalf of the membership, we want to express our appreciation for this opportunity to learn from Mr. Albrecht the present work of the Freeholders.

Cordially,



J. W. (Bill) Harper  
Vice President  
Lake City Rotary Club

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May 17, 1968

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

Thank you, Mr. Albrecht, for talking to us at <sup>Monday's</sup> ~~yesterday's~~ meeting. I must say your remarks helped us all understand better the efforts, progress, problems and guidelines of the Board of King County Freeholders. And, moreover, emphasized to us the importance for our foreseeable future of the Freeholders' work planning for presentation and acceptance at the polls a structure on which our future development and growth in King County will depend.

You made us mindfull this will be an important issue on a crowded November ballot. Members and visiting Rotarians present gained from you an awareness that each of them can help to see this important matter is given the attention required in November.

We deeply appreciate and are grateful to you for coming to us and also want to thank The Municipal League of Seattle and King County and Mr. Paul Meyer for making your visit possible.

Sincerely,

J. W. Harper  
Vice President  
The Lake City Rotary Club

JWH:jh

cc: Mr. Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary  
cc: The Municipal League of Seattle & King County, Central Bldg., Seattle  
Attention: Mrs. Nelson

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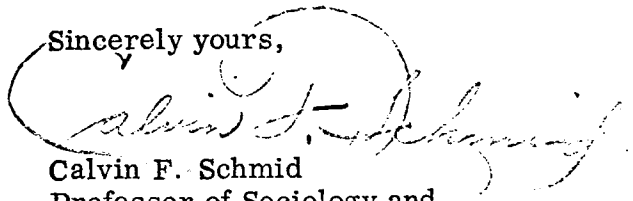
Mr. Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary  
Board of King County Freeholders  
King County Court House  
Room 905A  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Meyer:

In compliance with a request made by my son, Dr. Stanton E. Schmid of the State Planning and Community Affairs Agency, I am sending herewith fifteen copies of the most recent edition of the Census Tract Manual published by the United States Bureau of the Census.

If I can be of further assistance to you in anyway, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,



Calvin F. Schmid  
Professor of Sociology and  
Director, Office of Population  
Research

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cc: Dr. Stanton E. Schmid

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May 29, 1968

Mr. Paul Meyer  
Board of King County Freeholders  
King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Paul:


Confirming my conversation with you, I have suggested that you attend the Kent Rotary as a representative on county government and probably show the film which you have, along with some remarks of your own, for the 11th day of June.

This is satisfactory with the Rotary Club and unless I hear otherwise from you, you are the scheduled speaker for that date. The Rotary meets at 12:00 Noon at the Moonlight Inn in downtown Kent. I would suggest that possibly you could drop into my office at 213 Fourth Avenue South and I could accompany you to the meeting.

Very truly yours,

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By

  
James P. Curran

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EUGENE H. NICKERSON  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE



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May 31, 1968

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary  
Board of King County Freeholders  
905-A King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Your letter of May 27, 1968 addressed to Honorable Eugene H. Nickerson, County Executive, Nassau County, New York, has been referred to me for reply.

Mr. Nickerson appointed me to the Office of Commissioner of Accounts with defacto duties as Ombudsman or Public Protector on July 1, 1966. A copy of that order is enclosed. Thereafter and until November, 1967, I functioned as defacto Public Protector and handled approximately 1,000 complaints involving every administrative agency in the County, the Towns, and Special Districts of Nassau County.

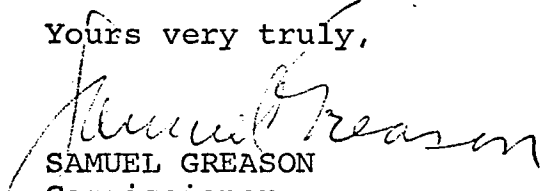
When my appointment was first made, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nassau questioned the method of appointment and other items in the proposed bill. They sent two representatives of a large investigating group to Scandinavia where these two members conducted first-hand investigations of the workings of the Ombudsman or Public Protector system. Both members of the investigating group returned and submitted long reports which were generally favorable to the concept of the Public Protector. Thereafter, a compromise bill was worked out between the Board of Supervisors and the County Executive, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. However, despite agreement of both political parties on the compromise bill, the town leader of one of the parties had some 500,000 sample ballots printed and distributed them to his committeemen with instructions that they were to be given to voters to carry into the voting booths. These sample ballots indicated that the voters should vote "no" on the proposition of a new constitution, a new County charter and the Public Protector. Undoubtedly, these sample ballots swayed the votes of over 200,000 people.

Another item was that the Police Department, with its 3,000 members and their families, friends and relatives, had conducted a campaign against the Public Protector concept on the theory that it would open the door to a Civilian Review Board involving complaints against the Police and the Police Department.

That statement by the Police was, of course, based on false assumption and was without foundation or fact, but as the Police Benevolent Association had to have some issue to justify the existence of its officers, no one took the trouble to correct the Police Benevolent Association officers. The result was that the proposition for Public Protector went down in defeat in the 1967 November election.

I can suggest that you may be able to obtain a copy of the book "The American Assembly - Ombudsman for American Government?" edited by Stanley V. Anderson and published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. On pages 111-119, the experiences of the Ombudsman or Public Protector are set forth in detail. I also enclose a copy of the study made by St. John's University which also covers this item.

Yours very truly,

  
SAMUEL GREASON  
Commissioner

SG:so  
Encls.

cc: Hon. Eugene H. Nickerson

Note: copy of sample ballot  
also enclosed

COUNTY OF NASSAU  
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEMO

May 31, 1966

TO: Presiding Judges, Elective Officials, Department Heads  
and Agency Heads

FROM: County Executive

SUBJECT: Establishment of Office of Public Protection

Pursuant to my authority as County Executive, I hereby issue the following executive order:

Whereas, the concept of a "Public Protector", having had its origin in the Scandanavian office of "Ombudsman", has spread to such western democratic nations as New Zealand and has been recommended by many outstanding expert bodies as a necessary agency to humanize government and make it more responsive to the needs of the people and is being seriously considered in Great Britain, Canada and many jurisdictions in the United States, including the United States Congress, New York State and California; and

Whereas, I have on this day presented a local law to the Board of Supervisors which, when approved by the Board and when adopted by the people on referendum, will create the Office of Public Protection, the head of which will be the Public Protector; and

Whereas, the primary duty of the proposed Public Protector is "to protect the public and individual citizens against inefficiency, mal-administration, arrogance, abuse and other failures of government and to encourage sound and fair administration in the public interest"; and

Whereas, the Public Protector will be empowered to "receive complaints and suggestions from any person regarding any governmental agency in the county, including any department, institution, office or agency of the county or of the towns, cities, incorporated villages or any special districts therein, or any official or employees of such agency, consultant or person or organization dealing, directly or indirectly, with such agency"; and

Whereas, the Commissioner of Accounts, at this time, has many of the powers and duties of the proposed Public Protector;

Now, therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as County Executive of the County of Nassau, IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. That the Commissioner of Accounts shall assume all of the powers and duties of the Public Protector in accordance with the proposed local law creating the Office of Public Protection, insofar as he is able to under existing law.
2. That the Commissioner of Accounts immediately set up the necessary procedures to receive, process and investigate complaints and suggestions from persons in the County as to "inefficiency, maladministration, arrogance, abuse, and other failures of government."
3. That all County departments, institutions, offices, agencies, officers and employees cooperate with the Commissioner of Accounts in his efforts to "encourage sound and fair administration in the public interest."

Eugene H. Hickerson  
County Executive



2128-B N. 130th  
Seattle, Washington 98133  
July 17, 1968

Richard Albrecht, Chairman  
Board of Freeholders for King County  
King County Courthouse  
516 3rd Avenue  
Seattle Washington, 98104

Dear Sirs:

Would you please send me two copies of the King County  
charter draft for use in my Senior Classes in the fall.

Yours Truly,

*Yvonne T. Short*  
Yvonne T. Short

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white*

*"Amendment J"  
Rich. Albrecht  
Chairman  
Board of Freeholders  
King County  
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# Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

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July 24, 1968

Board of King County Freeholders  
Room 905-A  
King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Sirs:

Recently a news release from your organization was sent to the Washington State Labor News, 2600 First Avenue, Seattle 98121. This is to advise you that at the present time there is no such publication with the title of Washington State Labor News. I believe that the organization to which you wish to direct your releases is:

✓ John VanDevanter, Editor  
The Scanner  
18601 Pacific Highway South  
Seattle, Washington 98188

The Scanner is soon to become a twice monthly publication of the King County Labor Council, AFL-CIO. As such I can assure you that it will be interested in any and all news dealing with county government and proposed reforms.

The Washington State Labor Council is also interested in the affairs of county government primarily from a legislative point of view as it affects union members employed by the various counties. We would appreciate it if you would place Sam Kinville, Government Affairs Director, Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, 2700 First Avenue, Room 206, Seattle 98121, on your mailing list also. I hope that you will discard the old Washington State Labor News address which you are now using in order to prevent any confusion.

Sincerely,

*Kenn Fleming*

Kenneth R. Fleming  
Administrative Assistant

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cc: John VanDevanter

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Mrs. Virginia Gunby  
2540 Northeast 90th  
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Dear Mrs. Gunby:

I appreciate your acceptance of KOMO Television's invitation to appear on VIEWPOINT this coming Saturday, September 21.

Our video taping schedule calls for beginning at 1:30 pm, Friday afternoon. If you could arrange to be at the studio shortly before 1:30, it would be appreciated.

Richard Albrecht and Father Frank Costello will join us on the panel.

The program length is half an hour. I will introduce the subject and guests, and then a general question to background the proposed charter will kick off the discussion.

I look forward to seeing you this Friday.

Sincerely,

Art McDonald  
Director  
Special Projects

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~~cc~~ Mr. Paul Meyer  
Room 905A  
King County Court House  
Seattle, Washington



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Seattle, Washington

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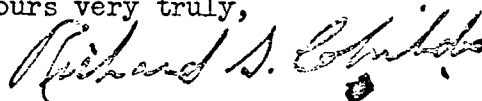
August 16, 1968

County Clerk  
King County  
County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Sir:

Will you please let us have a copy of the pending King County revised charter which we understand has been subject to recent public hearings and may be submitted to the county voters for adoption next November? We need it for report in our NATIONAL CIVIC REVIEW.

Yours very truly,



Richard S. Childs  
Chairman  
Executive Committee

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August 16, 1968

Mr. Paul R. Meyer  
Executive Secretary  
Board of King County Freeholders  
King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Paul:

Please excuse the delay in replying to your request for a review of the proposed King County Charter.

Bob McAbee and I have had the opportunity to look over the section dealing with the Department of Planning. Generally our feeling is that it is a good idea to keep the language as simple and brief as possible which you have done.

We would suggest, however, that the changes indicated on the attached copy be made. Our concern is that the Charter will be unable to be adaptable to the rapid changes in planning and zoning activities which are occurring. In the opening paragraph we would suggest providing the Planning Department with the opportunity to assist in the preparation of operating programs as well as capital improvement budgets. This would appear to us to be logical since the two are very closely related.

In the paragraph concerning comprehensive plans, we suggest that you delete the word "physical" in describing the County plan. Planning currently being undertaken includes many aspects of development which involve factors other than physical development. For the same reason we recommend the deletion of the remainder of the first sentence. We also suggest the addition of language which would permit the Planning Department to prepare other plans or regulations which may be determined to be in the public interest by the legislative or executive authorities.

Mr. Paul R. Meyer  
Page 2  
August 16, 1968

We would also suggest some additional wording concerning zone changes in paragraph "(b)".

Other than these minor modifications we feel that the Charter should serve adequately to define generally the areas of planning responsibility.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Einar M. Syvertsen".

Einar M. Syvertsen  
Director of Planning

ES:ck

Enclosure

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

350.20.70. (b) Zoning Applications.

The department of planning shall receive and consider all zoning applications. It shall make the initial decision concerning all applications for <sup>2077.06, 2077.06 changes</sup> zoning variances and conditional use permits, and its decisions shall be final unless appealed to the board of appeals. It shall consider and make recommendations to the board of county commissioners concerning all applications for rezoning or original zoning.

350.20.75. Department of Building.

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

350.20.80. Department of Assessments.

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



350.20.50. Department of Finance.

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

350.20.60. Department of Parks and Community Services.

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

350.20.70. Department of Planning.

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

350.20.70. (a) Comprehensive Plans.

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

IRVING CLARK JR.

LAWYER

334 FAIRVIEW AVENUE NORTH

SEATTLE 98109

MUTUAL 2-5460

August 16, 1968

Freeholder Office  
Room 905-A King County Court House  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Re: Proposed County Charter

Gentlemen:

I have read with interest the preliminary draft of July 18, with addenda, of the King County Charter. I think the Freeholders have done a fine job, for which all citizens of this County should be grateful to them, but I do make a couple of suggestions.

First, with respect to Section 220.10, I respectfully suggest that the Commissioners should be elected at large, after a primary in which they are nominated by Districts. To have them elected by District is to encourage that kind of parochial chauvinism which was the curse of the Seattle City Council for many years. Obviously, as our urban situation becomes more complicated, our governmental structures must be more comprehensive and simpler, and to have Commissioners elected by District is to go in exactly the opposite direction.

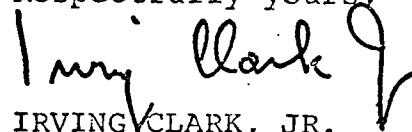
I also believe there should be five or seven Commissioners, rather than nine.

It also seems to me there is an unnecessary repetition from the first clause of Section 330 to the first clause of Section 340.10 (page 11).

Freeholder Office  
August 16, 1968  
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Finally, I should like to take advantage of the work you have done to do a program dealing with the proposed Charter on my evening show at KING, at some appropriate time.

Respectfully yours,

  
IRVING CLARK, JR.

IC:c

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98105

*School of Social Work*


September 26, 1968

Paul Meyer  
Board of King County Freeholders  
Room 905A, King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Could you please furnish us with information pertaining to the proposed changes in appointive officials in King County? We understand that several are contemplated, and would like further clarification. This office is administering a Title I Higher Education grant for a series of three institutes devoted to the study of the social components of urban planning, and a thorough familiarization with the latest structure of King County government is very necessary. All information you have on this subject will be most appreciated.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet L. Hews".

Janet L. Hews, Project Secretary

October 2, 1968

Miss Janet Hews, Project Secretary  
School of Social Work  
3937 - 15th E.E.  
Seattle, Wash. 98105

Dear Miss Hews:

In response to your letter of September 26, I am enclosing a copy of the proposed charter.

You will find in Article 9, the transitory section, the establishment of new functional offices and line departments which the freeholders intend to replace the existing framework. If you have any additional questions about the proposed charter, please let me know.

Also enclosed is an organization chart of the administrative structure under the proposed charter.

Very sincerely,

Paul R. Meyer  
Executive Secretary

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Enclosures

# Whatcom County Regional Planning Council

AN AREA WIDE CONFERENCE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

COURTHOUSE • BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON 98225

Frank Roberts

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Chairman

October 4, 1968

Freeholders of King County  
King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

We would appreciate receiving a copy of  
the freeholder's proposed charter amendment  
for King County.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

*J.S.K. Chin*

J.S.K. Chin,  
Assistant Director

JC:fn

9104 - 17th Ave. So.  
Seattle, Wash. 98108  
Oct. 11, 1968

County Office of Freeholders  
Proposed King County Charter  
Seattle, Washington

Gentlemen:

I shall deeply appreciate your mailing a copy of the proposed charter for King County to my son who will be voting in Viet-Nam in Nov. His military address is:

SP/5 Robt. L. A. Strom, RA 19 872 157

Phu Lam Signal Battalion (AUTODIN)

APO San Francisco, 96243

If you have an extra copy to spare, I should be glad to receive one for myself; however, if you are short, I will try to pick up what information I can from the newspapers and the television.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Sincerely,

*Ethel Strom*

(Mrs.) Ethel Strom

SENT  
10-14-68  
(ALSO  
FACT SHEET)



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90024

October 28, 1968

County Clerk  
King County  
County-City Building  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Sir:

I would be most grateful if you would send me a complimentary copy of the proposed charter for King County which will be on the ballot of November 5, 1968.

My nationwide study of selected phases of county government includes a consideration of both adopted and proposed county charters. Thus, the requested document is a very important one for my work.

Thank you very much for your courtesy.

Sincerely yours,

*John C. Bollens*  
John C. Bollens  
Professor

SENT  
10-30  
10-29



CHARTER ELECTION - FILE

Specking engagements.

Misc. - News Releases - <sup>After</sup> 9-1-68.

ENDORSEMENTS

Individual Endorsements of King County Charter:

Governor Daniel J. Evans

Peter LeSourd

Camden Hall

George Scott

Art Brown

Wes Uhlman

Norton Clapp

Dwight Spracher

Slade Gorton

Gladys Kirk

Bill Leckenby

Audley Mahaffey

Richard Chapin

Francis Holman

Dwight Hawley

Brian Lewis

Mary Ellen McCaffree

Joseph McGavick

John Murray

Jonathan Whetzel

David G. Sprague

Robert C. Ridder

John Ryder

# FREEHOLDERS' SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

DATE	GROUP	NUMBER PRESENT	PERSON TO CONTACT	SPEAKERS
Sept. 11	South K.C. L of W V Meeker's Landing, Kent	100	Mr. Knox	Albrecht, Gunby Curran, Meyer
Sept. 12	Stadium Kiwanis Club	30	Dr. Holloway	Meyer
Sept. 13	Women's Century Club	80	Mrs. Horan	Wampold
Sept. 17	Riverton Hts PTA	100	Mrs. Baxter	Meyer
Sept. 18	35 W. Demo. Club 138th & 26th So.		Mrs. Lunz CH 2-1577	Meyer
Sept. 19	Auburn Kiwanis			Bothell Schneider
Sept. 20	KOMO - TV "Viewpoint" Taping - 1:30 p.m.		Art McDonald	Albrecht Gunby
Sept. 24	TV Channel 9, 7:30 p.m. (First in series)		Dr. Miller	Albrecht
Sept. 25	LVW-Seattle Speakers Bur. Briefing-8:00 32nd Distr. Repub. Club University Towers		M. Thomas	Gunby O'Connor
Sept. 26	Parkway Demo. Club-35th Distr. Rainier View Comm. Club		Mrs. Ridder	Block
Sept. 27	Star Lake Impr. Club So. 272nd & Military Rd.		L. Thompson	Bothell
Sept. 30	Soundview Republ. Club 4757 Calif. Ave. S.W.		M. Starr	O'Connor
Oct. 1	TV Channel 9, 7:30 p.m. (Second in series)		Dr. Miller	Albrecht, Gunby Friedlander
	Hill, Engman, Chase & Co. Edgewater Inn---12 noon		P. Symbol	McDonald
Oct. 2	Totem Kiwanis Club, Century Hse. 7:00 a.m.		T. Bleakney	Meyer
	Seattle Sorooptimists, 12:45 p.m. Olympic Hotel		H. Nichols	Albrecht
	31st District Demo. Legis. Club-8 p.m. 10242 - 16th S. W. (Pancake House)		Mrs. Pennock	Meyer
Oct. 3	Federal Way Community Council 308th So. (Just of Hwy 99) 8:00 p.m. LVW-10:00 a.m.-Speaker's Bur. Briefing-Renton Enumclaw Chamb. of Com.-6:45 p.m. Enumclaw (Harold's Cafe)		J. Crawford WA 7-1784 B. Dunning	Curran Gunby Bothell
Oct. 4	Women's Federated Clubs - 3:00 p.m. University Baptist Church		Mrs. Dotson LA 2-8891	Wampold
Oct. 5	Wash. St. Assoc. Water Commissioners Swept Wing Inn - 3:00 p.m.		P. Patterson	Albrecht
Oct. 6	Sr. Citizens, Plymouth Congregational Church, 3:00 p.m.- 6th & Seneca		Miss Sult MA 4-3700 Ext 302	Meyer

Oct. 7 Mon.	Beaver Lake Comm. Club Issaquah - 8:00 p.m.	J. Merritt 762-3751	Schneider
	Lakeland Chamber of Commerce		Bothell
Oct. 8 Tues.	Seattle Community College (civics) Wash. Branch - 8:00 & 10:00 classes	H. Olson	Ackley
	Metropolitan Sertoma Club Roosevelt Hotel - Noon	C. Slater MA 2-3873	O'Connor
Oct. 9 Wed.	Shorewood Comm. Club - 8:00 p.m. 116th & 28th S.W.	Mrs. Daubert CH 3-6057	Curran
	Arctic Club, Jr. Chamber of Commerce 12:15 p.m.	J. H. Newsum MA 4-8515	Albrecht
	33rd District Repub. Club- 7:30 p.m. Rainier Field House,	O. Billings	Schneider
	Lunch Interview, Valley Papers & radio Meeker's Landing, Kent - Noon	G. Burnside	McKenna
	Montlake Community Club, Montlake Fieldhouse, 16th & E. Calhoun	Frank Friedlander	Meyer
	Seattle Luncheon Club, T & C - Noon Eurien Bus. & Prof. Women - 8:00 p.m.	E. Brooks	Ackley North
Oct. 10 Thurs.	Norwegian Commercial Club Norselander Restaurant - 7:30 p.m.	D. Warne UL 2-9550	Albrecht
	Federal Way Lions Club - Noon Bluebird Restaurant - Federal Way		Schneider
Oct. 11 Fri.	Children's Orthopedic Guild - Noon		North
	35th Distr. Repub. Club - 8:30 -10:00 p.m. Blind People's Comm. Services - 8:00 p.m. Gunby home- LVW speakers briefing-8:00 p.m.		O'Connor Meyer Gunby
Oct. 14 Mon.	Vashon Civic Assembly - 8:00 p.m. Vashon Island Hi School (773-2642)	Bob Van deVanter	Meyer
	"BASIC" (Bellevue Area Self-Improve- ment Council)-Bell. Jr. Hi - 8:00 p.m.	B. Kesterson 237-6810	Wampold
	Pheta Chi Epsilon Philan. Sorority Bayne Lamb Residence-4018 89th Ave. SE Mercer Island - 8:00 p.m.	Mrs. Kinhead AD 2-2195	E. Amyes
	Wash. State Med. Assoc. Legis. Committee Wash. Athl. Club - 6:30 p.m. Auburn C of C - Noon	Dr. Angle LA 3-4606	Albrecht Albrecht
Oct. 15 Tues.	Enumclaw-Auburn Bus. & Prof. Women, Girl's Clubhouse - 7:45 p.m. Seattle Chamber of Commerce - luncheon 32nd Distr. Demo Club, 8:30 p.m. Wallingford Boys' Club	Mrs. Basim TA 5-2976 C. Deutsch LA 3-7281	Bothell O'Connor Ackley
	Ravenna PTA - School - 7:45 p.m.	Emmylou Winters	Meyer
	Federated East Side Clubs, 8:00 p.m. Puget Power Audit. - Bellevue	L. Schwabe	Wampold
Oct. 16 Wed.	Gethsemane Lutheran Church - 7:30 p.m. 9th & Stewart	B. Holcomb	Meyer
	Pine Lake Community Club - 8:00 p.m. Issaquah		* Sue Mozer

Oct. 17 Thurs.	Queen Anne Comm. Club - 8:00 p.m. First West & West Howe Pioneer School PTA - 8:00 p.m. Women's Amer. Overseas Train. Group-noon Boeing's Superv. Luncheon - Noon South Cafeteria - Kent	Bergstrom    H. Mitchell	Strasburger  Bothell Gunby Curran Friedlander
Oct. 18 Fri.	Wash. Council on Statewide Legis. Downtown Publ. Library - 10:30 a.m. Central Distr. Commissioners Meeting-Pasco	Mrs. Borland	O'Connor  Meyer
Oct. 20 Sun.	"Congregators"- Univ. Congr. Church 8:15 p.m.	Mr. Rickets	Meyer
Oct. 21 Mon.	45th Distr. Repub. Club - 7:30 p.m. Lake City Comm. Club - 12531-28th N.E. College Club - 6:30 p.m.	Skeeter Ellis Mr. Langdon	Meyer  Albrecht
Oct. 22 Tues.	Boeing's Publ. Aff. Class - 6:00 p.m. Steuben Society - 8:00 p.m.-613-9th Ave. Honeydew School PTA - Renton - 8:00 p.m. Mercer Island Hi School-Boeing Public Affairs Class - 7:00 p.m.	P. McGillis Henning Malgrini	Ackley Meyer  Bothell
Oct. 23 Wed.	Eastshore Unitarian Church - noon 12700 S. E. 32nd - Bellevue Shoreline PTA Group - a.m. Amer. Soc. for Publ. Adminis., U.W.-Noon Central Seattle Comm. Council-7:30 p.m. Beta Sigma Phi (Mr. Curran's Home) 8:00 pm	Mrs. Shaffer SH 6-0569  Dr. Miller R. Brandwein EA 4-6668	Gunby  Albrecht Albrecht Curran
Oct. 24 Thurs.	45th Distr. Demo. Club - 8:00 p.m. 43rd Distr. Demo. Club - 9:00 p.m. 44th Distr. Rep. Club - 8:00 p.m. "4 Seasons" Retire. Home - 8:00 p.m. Lower Snoqualmie Rep. Club- 8:00 p.m. Midway Jr. Chamber of Commerce Boeing Supervisors' Dinner-Renton Plant 4:30 p.m. Burien Kiwanis-Masonic Temple - 7:30 p.m.	E. Mitchell  C. Forsman Mrs. Rinearson Carnation, Wn. J. Newell 237-4120	Gunby Gunby North Strasburger O'Connor Schneider Albrecht Curran
Oct. 28 Mon.	R.R. Distr. Sales Mgrs. Meeting-Noon Roosevelt Hotel Univ. Presby. Church - "KOINONIA" East Hill Republican Club	B. Poeterbin MA 4-7490	O'Connor  Gunby Bothell
Oct. 29 Tues.	Boeing Coffee Hour - (5 - 7 p.m.) Radio talk - Auburn radio station - 9:45 a.m.		Albrecht Bothell
Oct. 30 Wed.	Radio Talk Show - "Clark on King" Seattle-K.C. Bar Assoc.- Noon Boeing Coffee Hour - (5 - 7 p.m.) Seattle Engineers Soc. - Noon-Town & Country Club	I. Clark	Friedlander Albrecht Albrecht Albrecht McDonald
Nov. 1 Fri.	Radio KVI - (Taped on Thurs. Oct. 31, 3:00 p.m.) 7:30 AM	Spencer NU 2-3100	Albrecht Wampold
Nov. 4	American Right-of-Way Assoc.-Norseland-noon		Albrecht

N E W S   R E L E A S E

CONTACT:    PAUL MEYER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
              BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS  
              ROOM 905-A KING COUNTY COURTHOUSE

FOR IMMEDIATE  
RELEASE

SEPT. 13, 1968

PHONE:    MA 3-5556    OR  
             MA 2-5900, EXT. 557

AFTER NINE MONTHS OF INTENSIVE WORK, THE BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS HAS DEVELOPED A PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER WHICH WAS SIGNED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE 15 FREEHOLDERS ON SEPT. 6, 1968.

THE PROPOSED CHARTER WAS SUBMITTED TO THE KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1968, AND THE COMMISSIONERS PLACED THE PROPOSED CHARTER ON THE NOVEMBER 5, 1968 GENERAL BALLOT. THE BOARD'S ACTION LAST MONDAY INCLUDED A BALLOT TITLE WHICH WILL APPEAR ON THE VOTING MACHINES ON NOVEMBER 5, 1968 AS FOLLOWS:

"SHALL THE PROPOSED HOME RULE CHARTER FOR KING COUNTY,  
PROVIDING FOR THE SEPARATION OF LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE  
POWERS AND FOR FUNCTIONAL ADMINISTRATION, BE ADOPTED?"

THE FREEHOLDER OFFICE, LOCATED IN ROOM 905-A OF THE KING COUNTY COURTHOUSE, WILL CONTINUE TO BE STAFFED THROUGH THE NOVEMBER ELECTION TO ANSWER INQUIRIES AND PROVIDE A CLEARING HOUSE FOR INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHARTER, ACCORDING TO RICHARD ALBRECHT, FREEHOLDER CHAIRMAN.

PRINTED COPIES OF THE PROPOSED CHARTER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ORGANIZATIONS AND CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY AFTER SEPTEMBER 20TH. REQUESTS FOR COPIES MAY BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE FREEHOLDER OFFICE BY TELEPHONING MA 2-5900, EXT 557, OR MA 3-5556.

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CONTACT: PAUL MEYER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS  
ROOM 905-A KING COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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CHAIRMAN.

ALBRECHT NOTED THAT BY CONTACTING THE FREEHOLDER OFFICE, ANY ORGANI-  
ZATION OR GROUP CAN OBTAIN A SPEAKER TO EXPLAIN THE PROPOSED CHARTER.  
PRINTED COPIES OF THE PROPOSED DRAFT WILL BE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO  
WEEKS, ALBRECHT SAID.

N E W S   R E L E A S E

CONTACT:    PAUL MEYER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
              BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS  
              ROOM 905-A KING COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
              PHONE:    MA 3-5556, OR  
                         MA 2-5900, EXT. 557

RELEASE UPON RECEIPT

OCTOBER 14, 1968

A FACT SHEET SUMMARIZING THE PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION, ACCORDING TO FREEHOLDER CHAIRMAN, RICHSRD ALBRECHT. THE BROCHURE-TYPE SUMMARY CONTAINS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AND A SYNOPSIS, ALONG WITH AN ORGANIZATION CHART COMPARING THE PRESENT AND PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT AND A MAP OF KING COUNTY REPRESENTING THE NINE COUNCILMAN DISTRICTS.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FACT SHEET WAS GIVEN BY THE BOARD OF KING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING GRAPHIC MATERIAL EXPLAINING TO THE CITIZEN THE CONTENTS OF THE PROPOSED COUNTY CHARTER.

FACT SHEETS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO ALL LIBRARIES IN SEATTLE AND KING COUNTY. ANY CITIZEN OR ORGANIZATION WISHING MULTIPLE COPIES OF THE FACT SHEET OR COMPLETE CHARTER MAY PICK THEM UP AT THE FOLLOWING DEPOTS:

AUBURN - BOTHELL CHEVROLET CADILLAC, INC., 16 SO. DIVISION, AUBURN, WASH.,  
BALLARD - MRS. VIRGINIA WALSH, 1555 N. W. MARKET, SU 9-1155,  
BELLEVUE-KIRKLAND - BELLEVUE CITY HALL, (MR. JOE MILLER, CITY MGR.)  
                  LAKE WASH. E. LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OFFICE, 9165 N.E. 24th, BELLEVUE  
BOTHELL - WOODINVILLE HARDWARE (AT INTERSECTION WITH POST OFFICE),  
                  MRS. LILA WOODS, 18557-68TH N.E., KENMORE, HU 6-3126 (HOME),  
CENTRAL SEATTLE - CENTRAL SEATTLE COMMUNITY COUNCIL, 417 Rainier So., EA 4-6668,  
ENUMCLAW - PAULSON MOTORS, 1107 GRIFFIN, ENUMCLAW,  
FEDERAL WAY - MRS. HENRY CHARNELL, 32119-26TH AVE. S.W., FEDERAL WAY, VE 8-0296,  
HIGHLINE-BURIEN - BURIEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, 15830-8th S.W., BURIEN  
                  MRS. ROBT. ANDERSON, 16441-15th S.W., CH 3-3498,  
KENT - MR. JAMES CURRAN - OFFICE, 213 - 4th AVE. SO., KENT, UL 2-2345,  
MAGNOLIA - MRS. THOMAS BLEAKNEY, AT 2-8689, 3434 PERKINS LANE W.,  
MERCER ISLAND - MRS. ALEC BAYLESS, 4240 W. MERCER WAY, AD 2-0848,  
NORTHEAST SEATTLE - Mrs. George C. Gunby, 2540 - N.E. 90th, LA 4-2731,  
QUEEN ANNE - QUEEN ANNE NEWS, INC., 8 W. ROY, AT 2-0900,  
REDMOND - MR. & MRS. A. STROM, 15804 N.E. 116th, REDMOND, TU 5-2055,  
RENTON - MRS. LILLIAN PLUT, 7282 SO. 135TH, SEATTLE, AL 5-7040,  
SHORELINE - MRS. MINER BAKER, 2123 N. 172ND, SEATTLE, EM2-2967,  
SOUTH SEATTLE-BEACON HILL - MRS. DONALD KAZAMA, 3042 19th S., PA 5-3472,  
WALLINGFORD - MR. ALVIN WILLIAMS, ME3-5242, 2515 No. 40th,  
WEST SEATTLE - MRS. STEWART ZENIER, 6340 ATLAS PL. S.W., WE 2-0526,



From: Goodrich & Snyder/Guy Williams  
302 Grosvenor House  
500 Wall Street  
Seattle, Washington 98121  
MU 2-7976

*Guy Williams / Guy Williams*

Mailed October 28, 1968

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

COUNTY ENGINEER

ENDORSES CHARTER

King County Engineer Jean L. DeSpain said today that approval of the County Charter on November 5th would "increase operating efficiencies through improved management of the public works responsibilities of county government." DeSpain issued the following statement:

"The citizens of King County have an opportunity next week to institute a reorganization of county government which will result in greater operating efficiencies in the county as a whole and this department in particular.

"The Department of Public Works established by the charter will improve management and centralize responsibility for development of a coordinated public works program to better serve our fast-growing population. As King County Engineer, I endorse the proposed charter and commend the Board of Freeholders for the job that they have done in presenting the citizens with this opportunity to improve local government."

FROM: Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary  
BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS  
905-A King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104  
Phone: MA 3-5556, or MA 2-5900, Ext. 557

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 1, 1968

STATEMENT REGARDING KING COUNTY CHARTER BY

RICHARD ALBRECHT, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Expressing concern that citizens living within the cities in King County may not realize their opportunity to vote on the proposed King County Charter next Tuesday, Freeholder Chairman, Richard Albrecht, stated today, "King County provides many services to city residents as well as others in the county---they include, among others, the assessment and collection of taxes, public health and sanitation service, the operation of Harborview Hospital and Boeing Field, operation of the superior and justice courts, recording of deeds and property transfers, issuance of marriage licenses, the performance of autopsies, civil defense, and the conduct of elections.

"The proposed King County Charter will appear on the voting machine immediately after the State propositions, and just before any city propositions. The number of the lever is 21.

"An efficient and economical county government is a concern all citizens should consider when they vote on the Charter November 5th."

From: Goodrich & Snyder  
Guy Williams & Georgia Gellert  
302 Grosvenor House/500 Wall St.  
Seattle, Washington 98121  
MU 2-7976

Mailed November 4, 1968

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### PROPOSED CHARTER RECEIVES

#### COUNTY-WIDE ENDORSEMENTS

"Numerous organizations and individuals have endorsed the proposed County Charter scheduled to be voted on November 5th," today stated Richard Albrecht, Chairman of the Board of King County Freeholders.

The endorsements indicate a ground swell of support from both the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the county. The following endorsements indicate the diversity of opinion for a new course and style of county government:

Board of King County Commissioners  
King County Leagues of Women Voters  
Seattle-King County Municipal League  
Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce  
Kent Chamber of Commerce  
Metropolitan Democratic Club  
Young Republicans of King County  
Federal Way Community Council  
Seattle Chamber of Commerce  
Seattle Junior Chamber of Commerce  
King County Medical Society  
Shoreline Council of PTA's  
Bellevue Area Self-Improvement Council  
Community Development Council of Shoreline  
Puget Sound Chapter of American Society for Public Administration  
Puget Sound Chapter of the American Institute of Planners  
King County Engineer  
King County Assessor  
Central Area Community Council  
Mayors of the following cities and towns in King County:  
Auburn Bellevue  
Black Diamond Bothell  
Clyde Hill Kent  
Kirkland Lake Forest Park  
Medina City of Mercer Island  
Renton Town of Mercer Island  
Yarrow Point

#### Editorial Endorsements from the following newspapers:

The Argus	Kent News Journal
Seattle Times	Eastside Journal
Seattle Post-Intelligencer	Lake Forest Park/Northshore News
Auburn Globe-News	Renton Record-Chronicle
Bellevue American	White Center News
Bothell-Northshore Citizen	Lake City Star
Burien Highline Times	Magnolia Journal
Des Moines News	Queen Anne News
Federal Way News	University District Herald
Eastside Journal	The Boeing News

and, Governor Daniel J. Evans of the State of Washington.

August 6, 1968

Mrs. Robert Plut  
7202 South 185th  
Seattle, Washington 98178

Dear Mrs. Plut:

In regard to our recent telephone conversation, this office will be happy to provide the Renton-Highline and Auburn Leagues of Women Voters with program participants for the September 11th "Meet the Press" panel at your luncheon to be held at Meeker's Landing in Kent, Washington.

The representatives of the Board members who would provide your panel with a cross-section of opinion are Mrs. Virginia Gunby, Mr. Jim Curran, and Mr. Richard Albrecht. I have spoken to both Mrs. Gunby and Mr. Albrecht, and they have agreed to participate. Mr. Curran is presently on vacation. However, I am reasonably certain that unless he has a conflict, he will also be willing to participate.

I would suggest that you write to them directly, inviting their participation, and explaining the program format and procedure. Attached hereto is a list of the Board of Freeholders and their addresses for your convenience.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Hoyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mrs. Virginia Gunby  
Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman  
Mr. Jim Curran

August 27, 1968

Mrs. Walter Basin  
1320 Pioneer Street  
Enumclaw, Wash. 98022

Dear Mrs. Basin:

In connection with your phone call to Mr. Richard Albrecht regarding your program on October 15th, we will be able to provide you with a speaker for the Enumclaw-Auburn branch of the Business & Professional Women's Club.

Although we cannot give you the name of the speaker at this time, I will contact you later and indicate who will be representing the Freeholders.

It is our understanding that your program begins at 7:30 p.m. and that you wish to have approximately a 20-30 minute presentation with time provided for questions. If there are any changes in this format, please let me know. Also, please inform me as to the exact location of the meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

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

August 30, 1968

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

Dear John:

I will be able to meet with the Vancouver League of Women Voters Wednesday evening, September 4th. I talked to Gary Lowe on Friday, and he gave me what details were available---but I need to know more about the program and the amount of time which they have available.

I have not been able to get a Freeholder to accompany me, but there still may be a chance that I can find one who is free that evening. Therefore, I would like to leave that possibility open and so indicate to Mrs. Paul Collins, President of the Vancouver League.

I hope this letter finds you fit and healthy from your annual Labor Day outing.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul Meyer, Executive Secretary

PM:hg

August 27, 1968

Mr. Paul Patterson  
5306 - 119th Avenue S. E.  
Bellevue, Washington 98004

Dear Mr. Patterson:

In connection with our phone call on August 22nd, the Board of King County Freeholders will be happy to participate in the program of the Washington Association of Water Districts on October 5th at the Renton Inn.

As I indicated to you, the name of the speaker on behalf of the Freeholders will not be available until a later date.

As you requested, we will be prepared to incorporate within a half-hour talk the work of the Freeholders, and expect to speak sometime between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. on the afternoon of October 5th.

I will let you know as soon as possible the name of the individual who will be representing the Board.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

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

September 10, 1968

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

Dear Mrs. Moran:

As a follow-up to our telephone conversation and my letter to you dated June 24, 1968, Mr. Simon Wampold, Vice-Chairman of the Board of King County Freeholders, will speak to your club members at your luncheon this Friday, September 13th. It is our understanding that the luncheon is to be at 12:00, at your meeting room located at Roy & Harvard Streets, and that the club entrance is located on Roy Street.

Mr. Wampold is a distinguished attorney of long standing in Seattle, and is a graduate of the Harvard Law School. I know you will find Mr. Wampold's presentation extremely stimulating, for he has been one of the more active members of the Board.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mr. Simon Wampold



September 16, 1968

Mr. Paul Patterson  
5606 - 119th Ave. S. E.  
Bellevue, Washington 98004

Dear Mr. Patterson:

With regard to your request for a speaker to appear before the Washington State Association of Water District's annual meeting on Saturday, October 5th, beginning at approximately 3:00 in the afternoon, Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman of the Board of Freeholders, will be speaking before your club.

As I understand it, your meeting place has been changed to the Swept Wing Inn.

Enclosed is a copy of the synopsis of the Charter. Additional copies of the synopsis will be available for distribution at your meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Richard Albrecht

September 16, 1968

Mrs. Phyllis Baxter  
2805 - So. 148th St.  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mrs. Baxter:

With regard to the request for a speaker to discuss the King County Charter, I will be appearing before the Riverton Heights PTA meeting at 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 17th.

I am enclosing a copy of the Synopsis of the Charter, which you may want to examine prior to the meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosure

September 16, 1968

Mrs. Helon Nichols  
Seattle Transit Commission  
1830 - Airport Way South  
Seattle, Washington 98134

Dear Mrs. Nichols:

In regard to your telephone request for a speaker to address the Seattle Soroptomists' Club, Wednesday, October 2nd, beginning at 12:45 p.m., Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman of the Board of King County Freeholders welcomes the opportunity to speak to your club.

Mr. Albrecht is a practicing attorney in Seattle. If, for some reason, he cannot appear, I will speak in his place.

Enclosed is a synopsis of the Charter for your examination. Additional copies will be available for distribution at your meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Richard R. Albrecht

September 16, 1968

Mrs. Betty Lunz  
13315 - 34th Ave. South  
Seattle, Washington 98168

Dear Mrs. Lunz:

With regard to your telephone request for a speaker for the 35 West Democratic Club, which meets at the Riverton Heights Community Club, I will be speaking to your organization on Wednesday, September 18th, at 8:00 p.m.

I am enclosing a copy of the synopsis of the Charter, which you may wish to examine prior to the meeting. I will bring additional copies of this synopsis with me Wednesday evening.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Richard Albrecht, Chairman  
Board of King County Freeholders

Enclosure

September 17, 1963

Mrs. Marcia Star  
5207 Fauntleroy Way S. W.  
Seattle, Washington 98116

Dear Mrs. Star:

With regard to your telephone request for a speaker for the Soundview Republican Club, which is located at 4757 California Avenue S. W., Seattle, Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman of the King County Freeholders, will be speaking to your group at 8:00 p.m., next Monday, September 23rd.

I am enclosing a copy of the synopsis of the Charter, which you may wish to examine prior to the meeting. Additional copies of the synopsis will be distributed at the meeting next Monday evening.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Moyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

Enclosure

September 19, 1938

Mrs. Robert Ridder  
5809 So. Roxbury  
Seattle, Washington 98118

Dear Mrs. Ridder:

Regarding your request for a speaker to discuss the proposed Home Rule Charter before the Parkway Democratic Club at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28th, at the Rainier View Community Club, located at 10725 - 51st Ave. So., the Board of King County Freeholders welcomes the opportunity to discuss the Charter.

One of the members of the Board, Bob Block, will speak before your club. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the synopsis of the Charter; and Mr. Block will have additional copies for distribution to your group when he appears.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mr. Robert Block

Enclosure

NOTE: Mr. Block, in case you wish to contact  
Mrs. Ridder, her phone number is  
PA 3-9457

September 19, 1938

Mr. Mort Thomas  
524 Arctic Building  
Seattle, Wash. 98104

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Regarding your request for a speaker to discuss the proposed home rule charter before the 32nd District Republican Club at the University Tower, 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 24th; the Board of King County Freeholders welcomes the opportunity to present the contents of the Charter to your group.

Mr. Jim O'Connor, a practicing attorney in Seattle, as well as a Freeholder, will be the speaker. He will have with him several copies of the synopsis of the Charter to distribute to the group.

Thank you again for this opportunity to present the Charter.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Jim O'Connor  
1823 Washington Bldg.  
Seattle, Wash. 98104

September 23, 1968

Mr. Earl Brooks  
308 Ninth Avenue North  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Regarding your request for a speaker to discuss the proposed Home Rule Charter before the Seattle Luncheon Club at the Town and Country Club on Wednesday, October 9, the Board of King County Freeholders welcomes the opportunity to discuss the Charter.

One of the members of the Board, Mr. Norman Ackley, will speak before your club. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the synopsis of the Charter; and Mr. Ackley will have additional copies for distribution to your group when he appears.

Very sincerely,

Board of King County Freeholders

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Norman Ackley



September 23, 1968

Mr. Lew Thompson  
3922 Star Lake Road  
Auburn, Wash. 98002

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Regarding your request for a speaker to discuss the proposed Home Rule Charter before the Star Lake Improvement Club on Friday, September 27, at 8 p.m., the Board of King County Freeholders welcomes the opportunity to discuss the Charter.

One of the members of the Board, Mr. Howard Bothell, will speak before your club. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the synopsis of the Charter; and Mr. Bothell will have additional copies for distribution to your group when he appears.

Very sincerely

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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Enc.

CC: Mr. Howard Bothell

September 23, 1938

Mrs. Verner Dotson  
1405 N. E. 70th  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mrs. Dotson:

Regarding your request for a speaker to discuss the proposed Home Rule Charter before the Women's Federated Clubs on Friday, October 4, at 3 p.m. at the University Baptist Church located at 4554-12th N.E., the Board of King County Freeholders welcomes the opportunity to discuss the Charter.

One of the members of the Board, Vice-Chairman Simon Wampold, will speak before you. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the synopsis of the Charter; and Mr. Wampold will have additional copies for distribution to your group when he appears.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Simon Wampold

September 24, 1968

Mrs. Walter Basim  
1320 Pioneer Street  
Enumclaw, Washington 98022

Dear Mrs. Basim:

Regarding your request for a speaker to discuss the proposed Home Rule Charter before the Enumclaw Business and Professional Women's Club on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 7:45 p.m. at the "Girl's Club House Building," 1225 Battersby Street, located at the foot (north) of Cole Street (main street).

One of the members of the Board, Mr. Howard Bothell, will speak before you. Enclosed herewith a copy of the synopsis of the Charter; and Mr. Bothell will have additional copies for distribution to your group when he appears.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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Enc.

cc: Mr. Howard Bothell

Enumclaw Business and Professional Women's Club

Enumclaw, Washington 98022

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1320 Pioneer Street  
Enumclaw, Washington 98022  
September 22, 1968

Mr. Paul R. Meyer  
Board of King County Freeholders  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Meyer:

Thank you for your letter of August 27th, regarding our club's program of October 15th, for which you have so graciously agreed to provide a speaker. Your letter arrived while I was away on vacation, hence the delay in my response.

Our meeting of the 15th will be held in the "Girl's Club House Building", at 1225 Battersby Street. This building is located almost directly at the foot (north) of Cole Street and is a tall 2-story green building. Cole Street is our "main street".

We try to start our meetings at 7:45. However, with the Auburn Club coming to join us, we probably will not convene until about 8 o'clock. A 20-30 minute presentation with time provided for questions will be just fine.

If the person or persons coming to make this presentation are not familiar with Enumclaw, perhaps they would prefer to be met at a more obvious location - for instance, City Hall. This would be easy to arrange, if you so desire.

For the purpose of pre-publication in our weekly Enumclaw Courier-Herald and our club bulletin, we would appreciate, if possible, knowing the names of those coming for this event. Monday noon is the deadline for news in our weekly newspaper, which comes out Wednesday evenings. If you can advise me by Friday, October 4th or not later than noon Monday, the 7th, we will use the names in our news write-up.

We do appreciate your cooperation and our members are looking forward to hearing from our Freeholders.

Thank you.

Very sincerely,

*Mrs. Walter Basim*

Mrs. Walter Basim  
Legislative Chairman

September 24, 1968

Mr. Bill Dunning  
2541 Griffin Avenue  
Enumclaw, Washington

Dear Mr. Dunning:

Regarding your request for a speaker to discuss the proposed Home Rule Charter before the Enumclaw Chamber of Commerce at Harold's Cafe, at 6:45 p.m. on October 3, Thursday, the Board of King County Freeholders welcomes the opportunity to discuss the Charter.

One of the members of the Board, Mr. Howard Bothell, will speak before you. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the synopsis of the Charter, and Mr. Bothell will have additional copies for distribution to your group when he appears.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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Enc.

cc: Mr. Howard Bothell

September 24, 1968

Mrs. Shaffer  
514-145th S.W.  
Bellevue, Washington

Dear Mrs. Shaffer:

Regarding your request for a speaker to discuss the proposed Home Rule Charter before the Eastshore Unitarian Church between 12 and 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 23, the Board of King County Freeholders welcomes the opportunity to discuss the Charter.

One of the members of the Board, Mrs. Virginia Gunby, will speak before you. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the synopsis of the Charter; and Mrs. Gunby will have additional copies for distribution to your group when she appears.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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Enc.

cc: Mrs. Virginia Gunby

September 24, 1968

Mr. William Ellis  
Exchange Building  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Skeeter:

Regarding your request for a speaker to discuss the proposed Home Rule Charter before the 46th District Republican Club at the Lake City Community Club, 125th N.E., on Monday, Oct. 21 at 7:30, the Board of King County Freeholders welcomes the opportunity to discuss the Charter.

I am enclosing a copy of the synopsis of the Charter and will bring additional copies of this synopsis with me when I appear Monday evening.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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Enc.

September 24, 1968

Miss Elsie Sult  
900 University  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Miss Sult:

With regard to the request for a speaker to discuss the King County Charter, I will be appearing before the Senior Citizens at the Plymouth Congregational Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 6.

I am enclosing a copy of the synopsis of the Charter which you may want to examine prior to the meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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Enc.



September 24, 1968

Mr. Tom Bleakney  
914 Second Avenue  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Bleakney:

With regard to the request for a speaker to discuss the King County Charter, I will be appearing before the Totem Kiwanis Club at the Century House at 7 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 2.

I am enclosing a copy of the synopsis of the Charter which you may want to examine prior to the meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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Enc.

September 24, 1968

Mrs. Richard Daubert  
12811 Shorecrest Dr. S.W.  
Seattle, Washington 98146

Dear Mrs. Daubert:

Regarding your request for a speaker to discuss the proposed Home Rule Charter before the Shorewood Community Club at Shorewood Elementary School, 116th and 28th S.W. at 8p.m. Wednesday, October 9, we welcome the opportunity to discuss the Charter.

One of the members of the Board, Mr. James Curran, will appear before you. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the synopsis of the Charter, and Mr. Curran will have additional copies for distribution to your group when he appears.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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Enc.

cc: Mr. James Curran

September 23, 1968

Mr. Orin Sorenson  
P. O. Box 93803  
Des Moines, Wash.

Dear Mr. Sorenson:

Regarding your request for a speaker to discuss the proposed Home Rule Charter before the Des Moines Jr. Chamber on Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Des Moines Fire Hall, the Board of King County Freeholders welcomes the opportunity to discuss the Charter.

One of the members of the Board, Mr. James Curran, will speak before you. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the synopsis of the Charter; and Mr. Curran will have additional copies for distribution to your group when he appears.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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Enc.

cc: Mr. James Curran

September 25, 1963

Mr. Paul Symbol  
2903 Third Avenue  
Seattle, Wash. 98121

Dear Mr. Symbol:

Regarding your request for a speaker for Hill, Engman, Chase & Co. at a luncheon meeting to be held at the Edgewater Inn on Tuesday, October 1, at noon, Mr. Don McDonald, a member of the Board of Freeholders and a contractor in the Seattle area, will speak to your group.

Mr. McDonald will have with him for distribution at the meeting several copies of the proposed Charter.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mr. Don McDonald

September 26, 1938

Mr. Jack Crawford  
2235 S. W. 313th  
Federal Way, Wash. 98003

Dear Mr. Crawford:

Mr. James Curran, a member of the Board of King County Freeholders and an attorney in private practice in Kent, will honor your request for a speaker for the Federal Way Community Council meeting to be held on Thursday, October 3rd, 8:00 p.m., in the Federal Way School Board Room located at 1430 So. 308th, Federal Way.

Mr. Curran will have with him several copies of the Charter for distribution to your group.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mr. James Curran

September 26, 1968

Mr. Harry Gilson  
Seattle Community College  
Washington Branch  
210 - 18th Avenue South  
Seattle, Wash. 98144

Dear Mr. Gilson:

In answer to your request for a speaker to explain the proposed King County Home Rule Charter before your Civic Improvement class, Mr. Norman Ackley, a member of the Board of Freeholders and an attorney in private practice in Seattle, will appear before both your 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. classes on Tuesday, October 8th.

Mr. Ackley will have with him several copies of the final printing of the Charter for distribution to your classes.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mr. Norman Ackley

September 25, 1968

Mrs. Marcia Star  
5207 Fauntleroy Way S. W.  
Seattle, Washington 98116

Dear Mrs. Star:

With regard to your request for a speaker for the Soundview Republican Club, which is located at 4787 California Ave. S.W., Seattle, Mr. Jim O'Connor, one of the Freeholders and an attorney in private practice in Seattle, will be speaking to your group at 8:00 p.m., next Monday, September 30th.

Mr. O'Connor will have ~~some~~ copies of the Charter with him for distribution to your group when he appears before them next Monday evening.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mr. Jim O'Connor

NOTE: Mr. O'Connor:

In case you wish to contact Mrs. Star for any reason before this speaking engagement, her phone number is WE 2-5332

September 27, 1968

Mr. J. H. Newsom  
Farris, Dangs & Horowitz  
1604 IRI Building  
Seattle, Washington 98101

Dear Mr. Newsom:

With regard to your request for a speaker for the Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting to be held at the Arctic Club, October 9th, at 12:15 p.m., Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman of the Freeholders, will be pleased to present the proposed Home Rule Charter to your group.

Mr. Albrecht will have copies of the Charter with him for distribution at the meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Moyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mr. Richard Albrecht



September 26, 1968

Mr. Oscar Billings  
6023 Military Rd. So.  
Seattle, Wash. 98108

Dear Mr. Billings:

In answer to your request for a speaker for the 33rd District Republican Club meeting, October 9th, 7:30 p.m., at the Rainier Field House, located at So. 39th and Oregon Streets, we are happy to inform you that Mr. Lyle Schneider, who is one of the Freeholders and an attorney in private practice in Auburn, will be speaking before your group.

Mr. Schneider will have with him for distribution at the meeting several copies of the final printing of the proposed Home Rule Charter for King County.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mr. Lyle Schneider

NOTE: Mr. Schneider: In case you need any further information regarding this speaking engagement, Mr. Billings' phone number is PA 2-5994.

September 29, 1968

Freeholders  
Charter Amendments  
King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Gentlemen:

Our organization, the 45th District Democratic Club will hold their regular meeting on October 24, 1968 at 8:00 P. M. at Chenoweth Hall which is located at 9500 Greenwood Ave. North, Seattle, Washington.

Our Club would like two members of your group to speak at our meeting on the above date, one person for the Charter amendment and one person against.

Will you please let us know if this is possible at the earliest convenience?

Yours truly,

*Ernestine M Mitchell*

Ernestine Mitchell, Secretary  
45th District Democratic Club  
10725 Palatine Ave. North  
Seattle, Washington 98133

Telephone: EM3-2705

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*& McDaniel*

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BY V. GONBY

October 1, 1968

Mr. Jack Herritt  
Rt. 1 - Box 2856  
Issaquah, Washington 98027

Dear Mr. Herritt:

With regard to your request for a speaker for the Beaver Lake Community Club on Monday, October 7th, at 8:00 p.m. at the Beaver Lake Community Club in Issaquah, we're happy to inform you that Mr. Lyle Schneider, who is one of the Board of Freeholders and an attorney in private practice in Auburn, will speak to your group on behalf of the Charter.

Mr. Schneider will have extra copies of the Charter with him for distribution to your group.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

October 1, 1968

Mr. Charles Slater  
c/o Webb & Webb,  
Certified Public Accountants  
I B H Building  
Seattle, Washington 98111

Dear Mr. Slater:

With regard to your request for a speaker for the Metropolitan Sortoma Club at a meeting to be held at the Roosevelt Hotel, 12:15 p.m., Tuesday, October 3th, Mr. Jim O'Connor, a member of the Board of Freeholders and an attorney in private practice in Seattle, will speak on the Charter to your group.

Mr. O'Connor will have with him several copies of the proposed Charter for distribution at this meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mr. Jim O'Connor

October 2, 1963

Mr. Doug Warne  
12548 S. E. 73rd  
Renton, Washington 98055

Dear Mr. Warne:

This is to confirm that Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman of the Board of King County Freeholders, will speak to the Norwegian Commercial Club regarding the Charter for King County on Thursday, October 10th, at the Norselander Restaurant. It is our understanding that he is requested to arrive at 6:30 p.m. for your dinner, and that he will be speaking at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Albrecht will have with him for distribution to your group several copies of the Charter. If you wish to contact him regarding this meeting, please phone him at his office, MU 2-8770.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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October 2, 1938

Mr. Leo Schwabo  
Federated East Side Clubs  
5389 - 125th Ave. S. E.  
Bellevue, Washington 98004

Dear Mr. Schwabo:

In answer to your request for the Federated East Side Clubs' meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 15th, at 8:00 p.m. at the Puget Power Auditorium in Bellevue, we are pleased to inform you that Mr. Simon Wampold will be your speaker. Mr. Wampold is the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Freeholders, a resident of Bellevue, and an attorney in private practice in Seattle.

Mr. Wampold will have with him several copies of the final printing of the Charter for distribution to your group.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

/hg

cc: Mr. Simon Wampold

October 2, 1968

Mr. Bob Kesterson  
437 - 171st N. E.  
Bellevue, Washington 98004

Dear Mr. Kesterson:

Regarding your request for a speaker for "BASIC" (Bellevue Area Self-Improvement Council) on Monday October 14th, 8:00 p.m., at the Bellevue Jr. High School cafeteria, we are pleased to inform you that Mr. Simon Wampold, Vice-Chairman of the Board of King County Freeholders, and a practicing attorney in Seattle, will present the Charter to your group.

Mr. Wampold is also a resident of Bellevue; and I'm sure you will find he is particularly responsive to the needs of this area as regards the contents of the Charter. Mr. Wampold will have with him several copies of the Charter for distribution to your group.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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October 2, 1968

Mrs. F. Borland  
3604 - 59th Ave. S. W.  
Seattle, Wash. 98116

Dear Mrs. Borland:

With regard to your request for a speaker for the Washington Council on Statewide Legislation at a meeting at 10:30 a.m., October 18th, at the downtown Library, we are pleased to inform you that Mr. Jim O'Connor, a member of the Board of Freeholders and an attorney in private practice in Seattle, will speak on the Charter to your group.

Mr. O'Connor will have with him several copies of the proposed Charter for distribution at this meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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cc: Mr. James O'Connor



October 3, 1968

Wm. H. "Shooter" Ellis  
3527 N. E. 100th  
Seattle, Wash. 98125

Dear "Shooter":

For your October 21st meeting I have asked Freeholder Jim O'Connor to attend the 48th District Republican Club meeting along with myself. I think the Board of Freeholders' views can be more adequately expressed by a Freeholder and the technical aspects of the Charter against the background of present county government can be presented by myself.

Jim O'Connor and I look forward to meeting with you and the 48th District Republican Club on October 21st, 7:30 p.m. at the Lake City Community Club.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Mayor, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Jim O'Connor

October 4, 1968

Commissioner Wes P. Brown  
Benton County  
Benton County Courthouse  
Pasco, Washington 99350

Dear Wes:

I am very honored to receive an invitation to speak to the Central District Commissioners about the King County Charter. I enthusiastically accept the invitation!

Because of the stringent demands upon my time, I will not be able to come over the evening before, but will depart on the 9:20 a.m. plane from Seattle, which arrives at 9:55 in Pasco, on the 18th.

Looking forward to seeing you then.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

HARRY A. KRAMER DIST. 1  
Richland, Wn.

Board of County Commissioners

W. K. MACCREADY DIST. 2  
Prosser, Wn.

Benton County

WES P. BROWN DIST. 3  
Kennewick, Wn.

Prosser, Washington 99350

September 30, 1968

Mr. Paul Meyer  
Executive Secretary  
Board of Freeholders  
Room 905-A  
King County Courthouse  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Paul:

I received a call from Gary this morning indicating that you may be able to attend our Central District meeting October 18th to address the body at 1:00 p.m. on the subject of your activities as Executive Secretary of the King County Freeholders, and to explain the contents of the charter as drafted.

The meeting will officially start with social activities on the evening of the 17th. The business meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. on the 18th with the morning session devoted to the C.R.A.B. with your presentation at 1:00 P.M. We hope that you can plan to attend the entire session.

Naturally, we would expect to reimburse you for all expenses incurred making the trip. Please advise as soon as possible how you can fit this into your schedule and I will make room reservations for you and plan to meet you at the airport.

I am enclosing an Airwest schedule. Our whole year is going to be a flop if you can't speak to us on this very timely and interesting subject.

Yours very truly,



WES P. BROWN

WPB:1er

October 4, 1968

Mr. John Hoover  
803 East Main St.  
Auburn, Wash. 98002

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In answer to your request that Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman of the Board of King County Freeholders, speak on the Charter to the Auburn Chamber of Commerce meeting which is to be held at the Rainbow Cafe, 130 E. Main St., at noon on Tuesday, October 15th, we are pleased to inform you that Mr. Albrecht will appear at this luncheon meeting.

Mr. Albrecht will have with him for distribution to your group several copies of the Charter.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

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

October 4, 1968

Mr. Bob Van Devanter  
Rt. 1 - Box 233 A  
Burton, Wash. 98013

Dear Mr. Van Devanter:

In answer to your request for a speaker to present the proposed Charter for King County to the Vashon Civic Assembly at 8:00 p.m., Monday, October 14th, at the Vashon High School, we are pleased to fill this request, and I will appear before your group at that time.

I will have with me several copies of the final printing of the Charter for distribution at the meeting.

Thank you for this opportunity to present the Charter.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PBM:hg

October 4, 1968

Mrs. Donald Kinkad  
4048 - 89th S. E.  
Mercer Island, Wash. 98040

Dear Mrs. Kinkad:

In answer to your request for a speaker to explain the proposed Home Rule Charter for King County to your group, The Theta Chi Epsilon Philanthropic Sorority, on October 14th, 8:30 p.m., at the residence of Mr. Bayne Lamb, 4018 - 89th Ave. S.E., Mercer Island, we are happy to inform you that Mr. James O'Connor, a member of the Freeholder Board, will appear before this group.

Mr. O'Connor is a Seattle resident, and an attorney in private practice in Seattle. He will have with him for distribution to your group several copies of the Charter.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mr. Jim O'Connor

October 4, 1933

Mr. Chas. Deutsch  
6043 - 35th Ave. N. E.  
Seattle, Wash. 98115

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

In answer to your request for a speaker to present the Home Rule Charter for King County to the 32nd District Democratic Club on October 15th, 8:30 p.m., at the Wallingford Boys Club, we are pleased to inform you that Mr. Norman Ackley will appear before your group.

Mr. Ackley is a member of the Board of Freeholders, a former State Legislator, and is an attorney in private practice in Seattle. We are sure you will find him very informative as regards the Charter. He will have with him several copies of the Charter for distribution at the meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mr. Norman Ackley

Mr. Ackley - It is my understanding that this group is also trying to line up someone against the Charter to speak---so be prepared!

They expect around 30-35 people to attend.

October 4, 1938

Mrs. Emyleu Winter  
1531 N. E. 63rd St.  
Seattle, Wash. 98115

Dear Mrs. Winter:

In answer to your request for a speaker for the Ravenna PTA on October 15th, at 7:45 p.m., at the Ravenna School, which is located between 20th & 25th N. E. on Ravenna Ave. N.E., I will pleased to appear before your group to present the Charter.

I will have with me several copies of the Charter for distribution at the meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg



October 7, 1968

Mr. Byron Holcomb  
Assistant U. S. Attorney  
1012 U. S. Courthouse  
5th & Madison Streets  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Holcomb:

Regarding your request for a speaker to talk on the King County Charter before a group which will be meeting at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 911 Stewart Street, at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 16th, I will be pleased to appear before your group myself.

I will have with me several copies of the Charter for distribution at this meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

October 9, 1968

Mr. Rudy Pappart  
7718 So. 117th  
Seattle, Wash. 98178

Dear Mr. Pappart:

In answer to your request for a presentation on the Home Rule Charter at your "open-end" meeting of the 35th District Republican Club, Friday evening, October 11th, at the Southern Heights Elementary School, Mr. Jim O'Connor, who is a member of the Board of King County Freeholders, will be happy to fill the request.

Mr. O'Connor is an attorney in private practice in Seattle, and a graduate of Yale Law School.

It is our understanding that the School's address is 11249 - 14th Ave. South, that it is located near the Rainier Golf & Country Club, and that since it is an "open-end" meeting which is being held from 7-11 p.m., Mr. O'Connor may wish to be there from approximately 8:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Mr. O'Connor will have with him several copies of the Charter for distribution at this meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

October 9, 1968

Dr. Herbert Angle  
3216 N. E. 45th Place - Suite 304  
Seattle, Washington 98105

Dear Dr. Angle:

We're happy to inform you that Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman of the Board of King County Freeholders, will discuss the King County Charter with the Legislative Committee of the Washington State Medical Association at a dinner meeting to be held beginning at 5:45 p.m., Monday, October 14th, in Room 400 of the Washington Athletic Club.

Mr. Albrecht will have with him several copies of the Charter for distribution at the meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRH:hg

cc: Mr. Richard Albrecht

October 10, 1968

Mr. R. W. Jackson, Program Chairman  
Seattle Engineers Club  
c/o Pioneer Sand & Gravel Co.  
P. O. Box 1020  
Seattle, Washington 98111

Dear Mr. Jackson:

In answer to your request for a speaker to discuss the proposed Home Rule Charter for King County at a meeting of the Seattle Engineers Club to be held at noon, Thursday, October 31st, on the top floor of the Town & Country Club, 1421 - 8th Ave., Seattle, we are pleased to inform you that Mr. Don McDonald will appear before your group.

Mr. McDonald is one of the Board of Freeholders, and in private life is president of the McDonald Construction Company, located in Seattle. He is also past-President of the Seattle Master Builders Association.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mr. Don McDonald

October 9, 1968

Mr. Clyde Rickets  
14680 - N.E. 59th  
Bellevue, Wash. 98004

Dear Mr. Rickets:

This is to inform you that I will be happy to fulfill your request for a speaker on the Charter at a meeting of the "Congregators" to be held at the University Congregational Church on Oct. 20th (Sunday), at 8:15 to 8:45 p.m. I will also try to be there early enough to attend your coffee hour, which I understand starts at 7:30 p.m.

We welcome this opportunity to present the work of the Board of King County Freeholders, and I will have with me for distribution at this meeting several copies of the Home Rule Charter.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hj

October 10, 1968

Mr. Charles Forsman  
2402 Northwest Blue Ridge Dr.  
Seattle, Washington 98177

Dear Mr. Forsman:

In answer to your request for a speaker to discuss the proposed King County Charter at a meeting of the 44th District Republican Club on Thursday, October 24th, at 8:00 p.m., at the Blue Ridge Club, 16040 - 15th Ave. N.W., we are pleased to inform you that Mrs. Lois North has agreed to appear on behalf of the Charter at this meeting.

Mrs. North will have with her several copies of the Charter for distribution at this meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mrs. Lois North

October 10, 1968

Mr. Chas. Bergstrom, President  
Queen Anne Community Club  
219 First North  
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Bergstrom:

We are pleased to inform you that Mr. John Strasburger, Legal Counsel for the Board of King County Freeholders, will appear before the Queen Anne Community Club meeting to discuss the contents of the proposed Home Rule Charter for King County. It is our understanding that the meeting is to be held at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, October 17th, at the Club, which is located on First West & West Howe Street.

As Legal Counsel to the Freeholders, Mr. Strasburger, of course, was instrumental in drafting the proposed Charter; and is therefore most well-informed as to its contents. Mr. Strasburger will have with him several copies of the Charter for distribution at the meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: John Strasburger

October 17, 1968

Mr. J. L. Langdon, Manager  
College Club  
505 Madison  
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Mr. Langdon:

As a follow up to our phone conversation today, we are pleased to inform you that Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman of the Board of King County Freeholders, will talk on the proposed King County Charter at the College Club dinner meeting to be held on Monday, October 21st. It is our understanding that he is to be there for the dinner, which starts at 6:30 p.m., and that he will speak at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Albrecht is an attorney in private practice in Seattle, is a graduate of the University of Iowa Law School, and has been a resident of King County for eight years.

Thank you for the opportunity to present the Charter to your organization.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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cc: Richard Albrecht, Chairman  
Board of King County Freeholders



October 17, 1968

Mr. John Malgarini, Chairman  
Legislative Committee  
Honeydew School PTA  
Renton School District 403  
3518 - 8th Avenue North  
Renton, Washington 98055

Dear Mr. Malgarini:

In answer to your request for a speaker to explain the proposed Home Rule Charter for King County before the Honeydew School PTA meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 22nd, at 8:00 p.m., we're pleased to inform you that a member of the Board of King County Freeholders will appear before your group.

He is Mr. James Curran, a partner in a law firm in Kent, and a citizen of King County for 21 years. Mr. Curran will have with him several copies of the Charter and of the fact sheet which explains the contents of the Charter for distribution at this meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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cc: Mr. James Curran

October 17, 1968

Mrs. Ruth Brandwein, Director  
Central Seattle Community Council  
417 Rainier Avenue South  
Seattle, Washington 98144

Attention: Mrs. Talbert, Secretary

Dear Mrs. Brandwein:

In answer to your request for a speaker on the proposed Home Rule Charter for King County at the meeting of the Central Seattle Community Council to be held on Wednesday, October 23rd, at 7:30 p.m., we are pleased to inform you that Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman of the Board of King County Freeholders will speak to your group.

Mr. Albrecht is a partner in a Seattle law firm, a graduate of the University of Iowa Law School, and has been a resident of King County for the past eight years. He will have with him for distribution at the meeting several copies of the Charter and the accompanying fact sheet.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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cc: Mr. Richard Albrecht

October 17, 1968

Mr. Bill Peterbin  
Rock Island Lines  
1324 Vance Building  
Seattle, Wash. 98101

Dear Mr. Peterbin:

In answer to your request for a speaker on the proposed King County Home Rule Charter at the Railroad District Sales Manager's Meeting to be held at noon on Monday, October 28th, at the Roosevelt Hotel, we are pleased to inform you that Mr. James O'Connor, a member of the Board of Freeholders, will appear before your group.

Mr. O'Connor is an attorney in private practice in Seattle, is a graduate of Yale Law School, and has been a resident of King County for eight years.

Mr. O'Connor will have with him for distribution to your group several copies of the Charter and the accompanying fact sheet.

Very sincerely,

Paul R. Moyer, Executive Secretary

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

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cc: Mr. James O'Connor

October 17, 1968

Mrs. Dorothy P. Worden, President  
Lower Snoqualmie Valley Republican Club  
Route 1, Box 476  
Monroe, Wash. 98272

Dear Mrs. Worden:

In answer to your request for a speaker for your club, we are pleased to inform you that Mr. Jim O'Connor, a member of the Board of King County Freeholders, will appear at your meeting on Thursday, October 24th, at 8:00 p.m. in the Congregational Church in Carnation, Washington, to explain the proposed King County Charter.

Mr. O'Connor is an attorney in private practice in Seattle, is a graduate of Yale Law School, and has been a resident of King County for eight years. He will have with him for distribution at your meeting several copies of the proposed Home Rule Charter for King County.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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cc: Mr. Jim O'Connor

October 17, 1968

Mr. Gary Wright  
P. O. Box 9  
Auburn, Washington 98002

Dear Mr. Wright:

In answer to your request for a speaker to talk on the proposed King County Home Rule Charter at the Auburn Jr. Chamber of Commerce meeting to be held at the New Cascade Jr. High School Cafetorium on Wednesday, October 23rd, at 7:30 p.m., we are pleased to inform you that a member of the Board of Freeholders, Mr. Howard Bothell, will appear before your group.

Mr. Bothell is the President of Bothell Chevrolet-Cadillac Co. in Auburn, and has been a resident of King County for many years.

Mr. Bothell will have with him several copies of the Charter and the accompanying fact sheet for distribution at your meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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cc: Mr. Howard Bothell

Mr. Bothell: In case you need instructions as to how to find the New Cascade Jr. Hi, Mr. Wright's phone number is TE 3-5839 (nites).

October 17, 1968

Burien Chamber of Commerce  
P. O. Box 64  
Burien, Wash. 98146

Attention: Mrs. Marilyn Culton - CM-4-3737

Gentlemen:

In answer to your request for a speaker on the Charter for your 7:30 a.m. breakfast meeting to be held at the Barb Restaurant at 400 S. W. 152nd, on Tuesday, October 22nd, we are happy to inform you that Mr. Norman Ackley, a member of the Board of Freeholders, will appear before your group.

Mr. Ackley is an attorney in private practice in Seattle, and is a former state legislator. He will have with him for distribution at this meeting several copies of the Charter and the accompanying fact sheet.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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cc: Mr. Norman Ackley

October 21, 1968

Mr. Frank G. McClain - CH-2-7424  
10721 - 21st Ave. S. W.  
Seattle, Washington 98166

Dear Mr. McClain:

Regarding your request for a speaker on the King County Charter at the Highline Republican Club meeting which is to be held Monday, October 28th, at 8:00 p.m. at the Mosher Fieldhouse, which is located at 430 So. 156th, Burien, we are pleased to inform you that Mr. Jim O'Connor will be your speaker.

Mr. O'Connor is a member of the Board of King County Freeholders, a partner in a law firm in Seattle, and has been a resident of King County for eight years. He will have with him several copies of the Charter and the accompanying fact sheet for distribution at your meeting.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

/hg

cc: Jim O'Connor

October 22, 1963

Mr. C. McCammon, Chairman  
Liaison & Utilities Committee  
of the American Right-of-Way Assoc.  
c/o Puget Sound Power & Light Co.  
Puget Power Bldg.  
Bellevue, Washington 98004

Dear Mr. McCammon:

As a follow-up to our telephone conversation yesterday, we are pleased to confirm with you that Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman of the Board of King County Freeholders, will speak to your group when you meet at the Norselanders Restaurant at noon on November 4th, and will at that time present the proposed King County Charter.

Mr. Albrecht is a partner in a Seattle law firm, is a graduate of the University of Iowa Law School, and has been a resident of King County for eight years.

He will have with him for distribution to your group several Charters and accompanying fact sheets.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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cc: Mr. Richard Albrecht



October 28, 1968

Mr. Jack Spencer  
KVI Radio News Department  
Tower Building  
Seventh and Olive  
Seattle, Washington 98101

Dear Mr. Spencer:

This is to confirm that Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman, and Mr. Simon Wampold, Vice-Chairman of the Board of King County Freeholders will arrive at the Tower Building offices of KVI Radio at 2:45 p.m., Thursday, October 31st, in order to tape a one-hour show which will be aired over Radio KVI, Friday evening, November 1st.

It is our understanding that you will meet Mr. Albrecht and Mr. Wampold in your offices at 2:45 p.m., and that the actual taping will begin at 3:00 p.m. on October 31st.

We appreciate this opportunity to present the Charter to the citizens of King County through the auspices of your radio program.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

/hg

cc: Richard Albrecht  
Simon Wampold

NOTE: Mr. Albrecht & Mr. Wampold:

Mr. Spencer was in a short while ago, and said he would welcome your telling him what questions you would like him to ask for the purposes of this "debate" with Mr. Hare of the Bldg. & Maint. employees' union, and Capt. Pingrey of the Sheriff's Dept. ~~NOTE~~

October 28, 1968

Mr. Irving Clark, Jr.  
K I N G Radio  
320 Aurora Avenue North  
Seattle, Washington 98109

Dear Mr. Clark:

As a follow-up to our conversation, this will confirm the fact that Richard Albrecht, Chairman, and Paul Friedlander of the Board of King County Freeholders, will be present at approximately 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30th, in the KING Radio studios, at 320 Aurora Avenue No., and will appear on your radio talk show at that time.

As you indicated, they will be prepared to spend as much time on an "open end" basis as appears necessary to discuss the proposed home rule Charter for King County. Enclosed is a fact sheet which was prepared by the Freeholders at the suggestion of the King County Commissioners. Copies have been distributed throughout the County to various organizations. As additional background, enclosed are copies of recent editorials which appeared in the major metropolitan Seattle newspapers.

As you no doubt know, the Central Labor Council and the Teamsters and Aeromechanics Unions have taken a position against the Charter, citing as reasons increased costs, lack of detailed personnel rules, and concern over the status of the Sheriff's Civil Service System. Mr. Albrecht and Mr. Friedlander are pleased to have the opportunity to answer these charges as well as to explain why the Freeholders approved the Charter in its final form when they appear on your program.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Moyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mr. Richard Albrecht  
Mr. Paul Friedlander

Enclosures

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October 28, 1938

Mrs. Margie Paneratz, Chairman  
Federal Way Young Republicans Club  
2132 S. W. 316th St.  
Federal Way, Washington 98003

Dear Mrs. Paneratz:

This is to confirm the fact that Mr. Howard Bothell, a member of the Board of King County Freeholders, will speak to your group on the proposed Home Rule Charter for King County, at your meeting to be held at the Lakota Jr. High School in Federal Way, at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, November 1st.

Mr. Bothell is the president of Bothell-Chevrolet-Cadillac Co. in Auburn, and has been a resident of King County for 42 years. He will have with him for distribution to your group several copies of the charter and the accompanying fact sheet.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

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cc: Mr. Howard Bothell

November 1, 1968

Mr. Ed Jacobson  
"Public Pulse"  
Radio Station K I R O  
2807 Third Avenue  
Seattle, Wash. 98121

Dear Mr. Jacobson:

For your November 4th "Public Pulse" program over Radio Station KIRO, beginning at 9:05 p.m., the following Freeholders will participate: Richard Albrecht, Chairman; Virginia Gunby and Jim Curran.

Mrs. Gunby is the secretary of the Freeholders, and is a graduate of Reed College, and resides in north Seattle. Mr. Curran is an attorney practicing in the City of Kent.

If there are any changes in format which we need to know before November 4th, please call me.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mr. Richard Albrecht  
Mrs. Virginia Gunby  
Mr. Jim Curran

May 8, 1968

Mr. Bill Harper  
Smyth-World Wide Movers  
11616 Aurora Avenue No.  
Seattle, Washington 98133

Dear Mr. Harper:

This will confirm the fact that Mr. Richard Albrecht, Chairman of the Board of King County Freeholders, accepts your invitation to speak before the Lake City Rotary Club on Monday, May 13th, beginning at approximately 1:00 p.m.

As you indicated, Mr. Albrecht will have approximately 30 minutes for his presentation, and he will plan to allow time for questions from the group.

We appreciate this opportunity to present the work of the Freeholders before your organization.

Very sincerely,

BOARD OF KING COUNTY FREEHOLDERS

Paul R. Meyer, Executive Secretary

PRM:hg

cc: Mr. Richard Albrecht

NOTE: The meeting will be held at the  
Capo Club, 12351 Lake City Way.

# ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE KING COUNTY CHARTER

Board of King County Commissioners  
 King County Leagues of Women Voters  
 Seattle-King County Municipal League  
 Auburn Area Chamber of Commerce  
 Kent Chamber of Commerce  
 Metropolitan Democratic Club  
 Young Republicans of King County  
 Federal Way Community Council  
 Seattle Chamber of Commerce  
 Seattle Jr. Chamber of Commerce  
 King County Medical Society  
 Shoreline Council of PTA's  
 Bellevue Area Self-Improvement Council  
 Community Development Council of Shoreline  
 Puget Sound Chapter of American Society  
 for Public Administration  
 Puget Sound Chapter of the American  
 Institute of ~~Architecture~~ *Planners*  
 King County Engineer  
 King County Assessor  
 Central Area Community Council  
 Mayors of Cities & towns in King County:

<u>Mayor</u>	<u>City</u>
Robert Gaines	Auburn
Kenneth Cole	Bellevue
Louis Zumek	Black Diamond
Dr. W. Sundstrom	Bothell
Dr. L. Chapman	Clyde Hill
Alex Thornton	Kent
Wm. Woods	Kirkland
Herb Metke	Lake Forest Park
Thornton Thomas	Medina
Entire County Council	City of Mercer Island
J. Burton	Town of Mercer Island
Donald Custer	Renton
J. Helsell	Yarrow Point

Editorial Endorsements from the Following Newspapers:

The Argus

Kent News Journal

Seattle Times

Eastside Journal

Seattle Post-Intelligencer

Lake Forest Park, Northshore News

Auburn Globe-News

Renton Record-Chronicle

Bellevue American

White Center News

Bothell-Northshore Citizen

Lake City Star

Burien Highline Times

Magnolia Journal

Des Moines News

Queen Anne News

Federal Way News

University District Herald

*Eastside Journal*

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