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TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Mitch Wasserman
DATE: December 9, 1999
RE: ARCH INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

BACKGROUND:

In 1991, the Growth Management Act (GMA) was amended to require that the County and the cities within it, establish a framework and a process for the development of countywide planning policies. King County and its associated cities met these requirements through the establishment of the Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC). In 1991, we entered into an Interlocal Agreement with King County and our sister cities to develop the GMPC, who in turn developed a set of Countywide Planning Policies for King County that became effective in July 1992. Our Comprehensive Plan is required to be in conformity with the approved Countywide Planning Policies.

One section of the Countywide Policies relates to affordable housing in the region. The housing policy section requires each municipality to share the responsibility for achieving a rational and equitable distribution of affordable housing throughout the county.

In response to the tough housing issue, and because the policies allow communities to work with each other to meet housing targets, the municipalities of Bellevue, Kirkland, Redmond and King County originally joined together to create ARCH (A Regional Coalition for Housing). The goal of ARCH is to respond to the housing needs of the East King County residents with a coordinated, regional approach.

Since its beginnings, ARCH has added membership to include all the municipalities of the Eastside with the exception of the 5 Points Communities. In recognition that we are an important part of an Eastside regional effort, earlier this year ARCH contacted the Mayor's group to make sure we were aware of its goals and functions and wanted to see if it was appropriate to re-explore the issue of membership.

The Program Manager of ARCH, Art Sullivan, gave a presentation to the Points Communities Mayor's in March. Also in March the five communities discussed this matter further and agreed that we should pursue membership for the beginning of 2000.

COUNCIL'S DECISION:

Consider authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Interlocal Agreement to become a member of ARCH.



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TO: Mayor & Council
FROM: Mitch Wasserman
DATE: January 6, 2000
SUBJ: ARCH 2000 BUDGET & WORKPLAN

BACKGROUND:

Last month Clyde Hill became a member of ARCH, A Regional Coalition for Housing. As a member we are asked to formally review and approve the annual budget and work program.

ARCH's Program Manager, Art Sullivan, will be attending our Council meeting to share a brief presentation of ARCH and will review the budget and work program.

COUNCIL DECISION:

Consider a motion to approve the ARCH 2000 budget and work program.