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**SUBSTITUTE MOTION NO. 99-3**

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A MOTION amending the Countywide Planning Policies to add new policies to address the long term governance of Agricultural Production Districts.

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WHEREAS, The Growth Management Act requires the maintenance, enhancement and conservation of agricultural industries and lands through a variety of methods and programs;

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WHEREAS, King County residents have supported efforts to preserve good farmland and active farms for the value of local crops, dairy and livestock and for scenic and historic values;

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WHEREAS, King County, through the Farmlands Preservation Program, has purchased the development rights of 12,600 acres of farmland and has established the Agricultural Production Districts (APDs) to further protect these and adjacent prime agricultural lands;

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WHEREAS, the Lower Green River APD is completely surrounded by Urban designated lands and as such is under immense pressure for development and annexation; and

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WHEREAS, King County and the City of Auburn have signed an interlocal agreement that removes the southern portion of the Lower Green APD out of the city's potential annexation area.

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THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLANNING COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY HEREBY MOVES AS FOLLOWS:

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Add the following new policies:

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LU-2A Designated Agricultural Production District lands shall not be annexed by cities.

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LU-2B The Lower Green River Agricultural Production District is a regionally designated resource that is to remain in unincorporated King County. Preservation of the Lower Green River Agricultural Production District will provide an urban separator as surrounding Urban areas are annexed and developed. King County may contract with other jurisdictions to provide some local services to this area as appropriate.

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In the event that this motion is ratified by the member jurisdictions of the Growth Management Planning Council, then the Interim Potential Annexation Area Map shall be

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revised accordingly and the Urban Growth Boundary will be drawn around the Lower Green River Agricultural Production District (APD) to clarify that the APD is outside of the Urban area.

ADOPTED by the Growth Management Planning Council of King County on \_\_\_\_\_ by the members of the GMPCKC Executive Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ in open session in authentication of its adoption.

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Ron Sims, Chair, Growth Management Planning Council

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Sue Donaldson, City of Seattle Representative

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Bob Edwards, Surburban Cities Representative

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Louise Miller, King County Representative