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CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

The Honorable Ben J. Werner
Mayor, City of Mercer Island
3505 - 88 Avenue S.E.
Mercer Island, WA 98040

RE: Application for State Funding of City and County
Detention and Correctional Facilities

Dear Mayor *Ben* Werner:

King County is developing an application to be submitted to the Washington State Jail Commission seeking funds to assist in the upgrading of the King County Jail. As you may be aware, the jail's population has increased dramatically over the past several years and the existing facility is inadequate for King County's needs and the needs of the several cities which have entered into agreements with the County to house their prisoners. Receipt of state funding is vital to achieve the necessary improvements to the County's correction facilities, which improvements will be of value to all of us.

In November, the State Jail Commission issued an application which must be submitted no later than January 31, 1980. As part of the application, the Commission is requiring that "governing units", which have entered into agreements or understandings with King County to house all or a portion of their jail populations, inform the Commission through a statement of intent from the chief elected official of each city that the city: (1) intends to continue to use the County Jail; (2) intends to negotiate an agreement with the County to that end which will comply with relevant statutory requirements; and (3) indicates the city's intention to make separate application or not to the state for funds to construct or substantially reconstruct or remodel its own facilities. Subject to the above expressions of intent, the statement must then authorize the County to apply to the state for funding to accommodate each city's jail population.

In order to comply with the above requirements, we have prepared a package of documents attached to this letter, which will become part of the County's jail funding application.

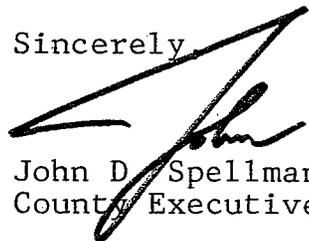
1. A document entitled "Statement of Intent", to be signed by you, marking out the bracketed portions as they may apply to each city, to be returned to King County as indicated for transmittal to the State Jail Commission with the County's application.
2. A copy of the existing agreement between each city and the county, which is attached to the statement of intent.
3. A copy of the statutory language setting forth certain minimum requirements of any agreement to be negotiated following approval of King County's funding application for use of any facility resulting from the allocation of state funds.

We recognize that the schedule is restricted, but the enclosed materials should be returned to the County no later than December 31, 1979 in order for the County to complete the required population calculations and make appropriate entries on the state application.

If the city does not execute and return these documents prior to the deadline for preparation and submission of application, that city's jail population will not be included in the projections for jail population capacity which will establish the basis for state funding and that city may be prohibited subsequently from housing its prisoners in any facility constructed, reconstructed or remodeled using the state funds.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Sincerely,



John D. Spellman
County Executive

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Enclosures

STATEMENT OF INTENT

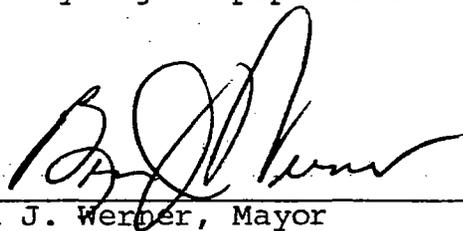
The undersigned, chief elected official of the City of Mercer Island, a city located within King County, hereby provides the Washington State Jail Commission with the following statement of intent.

The City currently contracts with King County for housing all the City's prisoners within the King County Jail facility pursuant to a Jail Facility Use Agreement, a copy of which is attached.

The City has been informed of the requirements of RCW 70.48.090, as amended by Section 15, Chapter 232, Laws of 1979, First Extraordinary Session, and intends to enter into the negotiations with King County in order to execute an agreement that will comply with said statutory requirements.

The City does not intend to apply for state funding for new jail construction and/or substantial remodeling under Chapter 70.48 RCW as amended by Chapter 232, Laws of 1979, First Extraordinary Session.

King County is therefore authorized to seek funds for a facility which will accomodate the City's jail population.



Ben J. Werber, Mayor
City of Mercer Island

Date

Dec. 10, 1979