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WHEREAS, the circumstances surrounding the resignation of the City Council's Supervisor of Legislative Research calls for a prompt, thorough and independent investigation of all circumstances surrounding the resignation, and

WHEREAS, the practice of promotional hosting, commonly referred to as wining and dining, fails to produce salutary results, and

WHEREAS, meaningful representation of the City of Seattle should constitute presentation of the City's position on its merits only and not involve the creation of a factitious environment in which to discuss that position, and

WHEREAS, the position of the City of Seattle and its citizens is demeaned to the level of common influence peddling through the dubious practice of promotional hosting, and

WHEREAS, the use of City funds for such purposes violates the intent of the Constitution of the State of Washington, and

WHEREAS, the propriety and effectiveness of the City's representation in Olympia has been questioned in light of circumstances surrounding the recent resignation of the Supervisor of Legislative Research, and

WHEREAS, public confidence in City government and the effectiveness of City representation in the future now heavily depends upon the City promptly instituting a clearly delineated policy governing its representation efforts to determine the manner in which the City may best proffer its positions and interests without the aid of promotional hosting,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING,

That the City will neither provide for nor condone further perpetuation of the practice of promotional hosting at City expense by any and all representatives of the City of Seattle, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the future, the position of the City of Seattle regarding matters before the State Legislature shall be presented on its merits and depend upon the support of Seattle citizens, and


BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will recompense by voucher, not credit card, only expenses authorized by public law incurred by its representatives in the course of making known the stand of the City, and

BE IT YET FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council will set out to explore the most effective methods available for representatives of the City which do not involve promotional hosting, and

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council requests the Chief of Police to investigate, in conjunction with the King County Prosecutor's Office the specific activities which prompted the resignation of the City Council's Supervisor of Legislative Research in order to determine whether any person is criminally liable. It is also requested that the Chief of Police in addition to initiating, in conjunction with the Prosecutor's Office, any prosecutions that they deem appropriate, report to the City Council the details of the investigation with any recommendation for changes in City policies or procedures.

PASSED the City Council the 23rd day of April, 1973
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this

23rd day of April, 1973


W. E. I. Uai
President of the City Council

Filed by me this 23rd day of April, 1973.

ATTEST: 
City Comptroller and City Clerk

BY: G. C. Geisert

Concurred in by:

Mayor



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April 20, 1973

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Mr. Liem E. Tuai, President
City Council
City of Seattle

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583-2354

Dear Mr. Tuai:

We, the undersigned Councilmembers, would like to submit the attached resolution for introduction and adoption this coming Monday.

PHYLLIS LAMPHERE
CHAIRMAN
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RELATIONS COMMITTEE
583-2355

Very truly yours,

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STATEMENT REGARDING PROMOTIONAL HOSTING RESOLUTION

April 23, 1973

As of this date, the following action has been taken by the City Council, pursuant to the disclosure that certain credit card privileges may have been misused by the Director of Legislative Research, Mr. Hal Meyer.

(1) The President of the Council has requested Police Chief George Tielsch to investigate the matter to ascertain whether or not there has been a violation of the criminal laws by any of the credit card holders.

(2) The King County Prosecuting Attorney has assigned a deputy prosecuting attorney from the Fraud Division to evaluate all information forthcoming from the Police Department and to develop any other information necessary to determine whether or not a crime has been committed.

(3) All credit cards issued to the City's legislative team, including that issued to Mr. Meyer, have been recalled at the request of Councilman Wayne Larkin.

(4) The President of the City Council has written to the state Attorney General and the state Auditor requesting to be advised of any determinations they make in response to inquiries regarding this matter.

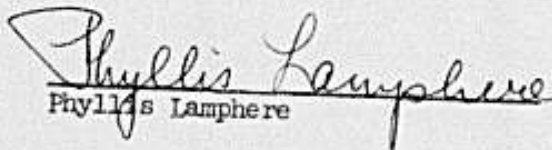
(5) The Intergovernmental Relations Committee will conduct a thorough examination of the City's lobbying practices, the statutes or constitutional provisions pertaining thereto, the supervision of the staff, the cost of operation, and the need for amended procedures, and will make recommendations to the full Council for action.

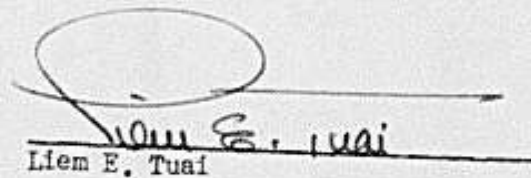
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The undersigned believe this statement for the record will serve to assure Seattle citizens that appropriate action has been taken, and that the attached resolution is therefore superfluous.


Phyllis Lamphere


Liem E. Tuai



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by hand.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR—CITY OF SEATTLE

Wes Uhlman, Mayor

May 8, 1973

The Honorable Liem E. Tuai
President of the City Council
City of Seattle

Dear President Tuai:

I am returning herewith, without my signature, Resolution No. 24118, a discourse on promotional hosting in legislative activities.

I do not think it is appropriate for me to sign this resolution because of a number of factual errors in the text of the resolution. These are as follows:

1. The presentation of the City's position on its merits in the Legislature has been consistent and has been the only basis on which the City presents its case. An implication that the City obtains its legislative successes on any other basis than merits is false, and I totally reject that implication. We do not, I think, create a "factitious environment" to discuss the City's legislative position.
2. I do not feel that our legislative practices have reduced the City or its citizens to "the level of common influence peddling."
3. No one that I am aware of has criticized either the "effectiveness" or the "propriety" of the City's representation in Olympia in light of the indiscretions of the Council's chief legislative aide in Seattle bars.

Basically, I feel that such a resolution is extremely inappropriate at this time. Every one of the Councilmen who signed the original resolution and who voted for its passage has known

Hon. Liem E. Tuai

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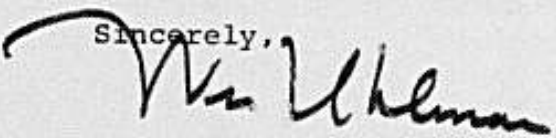
fully what were the legitimate operations and expenses of the legislative effort in Olympia. Each of these Councilmen is fully aware of the implications of this activity, or should have been. To come belatedly to the fore with screams of anguish does not change that fact.

The resolution also blissfully skips over the central issue -- the complete lack of administrative supervision over City Council employees which would permit such open flaunting of traditional fiscal safeguards as apparently occurred in this case. Such a self-serving resolution is too transparent to deserve any serious consideration.

Nor is there any need to resolve formally about the necessity for a police investigation. Without any self-serving publicity, I personally requested the Chief, by memo on April 12, 1973, to conduct such an inquiry, after it became apparent that the Council was reluctant to do so. Even though the Council requested the Chief to delay the investigation, I felt we should get to the truth as early as possible.

Finally, I fully agree with Councilmen Tuai and Lamphere that it is inappropriate for the Council to pretend again that real problems have been solved by the passage of a resolution. I think it is imperative that the Council take real action to determine why a Council employee could have been permitted to act in this irresponsible manner for so long without the slightest hint of any control, and to remedy that serious internal management problem. Recent events have only underscored the necessity to take firm action to restore the people's credibility in government. Cosmetic resolutions do not get down to basics.

Sincerely,



Wes Uhlman
Mayor

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