Resolution No. 31077

A RESOLUTION recognizing the King County Regional Food Policy Council as an advisory body to the City of Seattle and providing for the nomination of two voting members and appointment of one non-voting member to serve on the King County Regional Food Policy Council.

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WHEREAS, the "food system" is defined as the agents and institutions responsible for production, processing, distribution, preparation, consumption, and disposal of food; and

WHEREAS, strengthening the local food system has the potential to: improve public health by increasing the accessibility of local healthy foods; improve the environment by increasing food waste recycling; and strengthen the City's local economy and emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, many activities of the City of Seattle's government such as human services, public health, economic development, land use planning and permitting, purchasing, and emergency preparedness are related to the local food system, and these activities are interrelated with regional policies, programs and operations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle adopted Resolution 31019 establishing goals, creating a policy framework and identifying planning, analysis and actions for the purpose of strengthening Seattle's food system sustainability and security; and

WHEREAS, no existing government agency is dedicated to addressing all the implications of local government policies, programs, and operations related to the food system and its corresponding impacts on community health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2007 the American Planning Association Board of Directors adopted a Policy Guide on Community and Regional Food Planning recommending the inclusion of food policies in local and regional plans, and on November 6, 2007 the American Public Health Association adopted a policy entitled "Toward a Healthy, Sustainable Food System", recommending a food system approach as key to better human health and environmental quality; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle-King County Acting Food Policy Council (AFPC) has been working to develop recommendations for improvements to our food system sustainability and security, and the City acknowledges and appreciates the work of the following AFPC members: Washington State University, King County Extension, the Washington State Agriculture Commission, the University of Washington Program on the Environment and

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Department of Urban Design and Planning, the Seattle Department of Neighborhoods, Public Health Seattle-King County, and the Seattle Interdepartmental Team working on food policy issues; and

WHEREAS, approximately 82 cities and regions have established Food Policy Councils; and

WHEREAS, in August 2008, the King County Council will establish the King County Regional Food Policy Council (KCRFPC), by Ordinance Attachment 1to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the KCRPFC is to undertake activities and make recommendations to King County, the City of Seattle, and other entities on policies, programs or operations to strengthen the local food system, with the goals of improving public health, reducing impacts on the environment, supporting vulnerable communities, strengthening the regional economy, protecting and sustaining agricultural lands and increasing the region's food security and emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the KCRFPC will provide annual reports to King County, the City of Seattle, and other entities that include KCRFPC recommendations on major policies, programs and operations of King County and other entities. The annual reports will include a description of KCRFPC work to a) increase public awareness of the benefits of a strong local food system; b) develop and coordinate policies amongst jurisdictions; c) identify and advocate on state and federal policies that impact the local food system; and d) collaborate with the Agricultural Commission to support the preservation of agricultural land and communities and identify and reduce barriers between farmers and urban consumers; and

WHEREAS, the KCRFPC will consist of sixteen (16) voting members, of which thirteen (13) will be appointed by the King County Executive and confirmed by the County Council and three (3) will be appointed by the other voting members of the KCRFPC; and

WHEREAS, of the thirteen voting members appointed by the King County Executive and confirmed by the County Council, seven (7) members will be chosen from nominations by the following entities: the Agriculture Commission, one member; Washington State University – King County Extension, one member; City of Seattle, two members; Suburban Cities association, three members. The remaining six (6) voting members will be appointed by the King County Executive and confirmed by the King County Council without nomination requirements; and

WHEREAS, upon formal establishment of the KCRFPC as advisory to each of their respective jurisdictions, the City of Seattle and King County may each appoint one (1) additional non-voting member of the KCRFPC; and

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WHEREAS, KCRFPC members will represent a range of expertise and experience in the local food system as specified in King County Ordinance , and be reflective of the race, gender, age and geographic diversity of King County; and NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Seattle recognizes the King County Regional Food Policy Council (KCRFPC) established by King County Ordinance in 2008, Attachment 1, as an advisory body to the City of Seattle to provide advice and make recommendations to the City of Seattle on policies, programs or operations that can impact or strengthen the local food system, with the goals of improving public health, reducing impacts on the environment, promoting equity and social justice, strengthening the local economy, and increasing the City's emergency preparedness. The KCRFPC provides a unique resource to the City of Seattle which currently has an interdepartmental food team and makes many decisions ranging from land use to procurement that impact the local food system.

All City departments and offices, including the Mayor and City Council, are encouraged to share information with, seek advice from and use the expertise of the KCRFPC in developing and implementing city policies and programs that affect food issues.

Section 2. The City of Seattle City Council will nominate the two voting members for appointment to the KCRFPC as provided for in King County Ordinance Attachment 1 and will work with the County to implement the nomination process.

Section 3. Pursuant to King County Ordinance , in addition to the two voting members, the City of Seattle may appoint one non-voting member of the KCRFPC upon establishment of the KCRFPC as an advisory body to the City of Seattle. With the adoption of

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this Resolution, the City of Seattle recognizes the KCRFPC as an advisory body to the City and thus is entitled to appoint an additional non-voting member to the KCRFPC. This additional non-voting member shall be appointed by the Mayor; however, if the position remains vacant for more than two consecutive months, the Council shall appoint the non-voting member.

Section 4. The KCRFPC is required by King County Ordinance to prepare annual reports by January 1 of each year, beginning in 2010. The annual report shall include results from the previous year and a proposed work program that incorporates work related to the City of Seattle and recommendations on major City of Seattle policies, programs or operations. The City requests the KCRFPC to present its annual report to the City Council by the end of the first quarter of each year.

Section 5. As consideration for KCRFPC policy advice, recommendations, and annual reports, the City of Seattle shall strive to annually contribute funding to cover a percentage of the costs to support staffing and operations of the KCRFPC pursuant to a separate Agreement with King County. No employee of King County, member of the KCRFPC, or staff person of the KCRFPC shall be deemed to be an employee of the City of Seattle for any purpose.

Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2008, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this_____ day of _____, 2008.

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President _____of the City Council

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Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2008.

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Attachments1: King County Ordinance ********

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Legislation Title
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- **Summary of the Legislation:**

This Resolution recognizes the King County Regional Food Policy Council (KCRFPC) as an advisory body to the City of Seattle, and encourages all City departments, including the Mayor and City Council, to share information, seek advice and avail themselves of the expertise of the KCRFPC in developing and implementing policies and programs that affect food issues. The Resolution provides for City of Seattle nomination of two voting members and appointment of one non-voting member to serve on the KCRFPC. The City of Seattle City Council will nominate the two voting members for appointment to the KCRFPC; the Mayor will appoint the non-voting member. However, if the non-voting position remains vacant for more than two consecutive months, the City Council shall appoint the non-voting member.

Background:
In 2008 the King County Council established the King County Regional Food Policy Council (KCRFPC), a sixteen member advisory council, to advise the County, City of Seattle and other entities in King County on policies, programs or operations to strengthen the local food system, with the goals of improving public health, reducing impacts on the environment, supporting vulnerable communities, strengthening the regional economy, protecting and sustaining agricultural lands and increasing the region's food security and emergency preparedness.

The KCRFPC will consist of sixteen (16) voting members; thirteen (13) of these will be appointed by the King County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. The following entities will nominate seven (7) of these thirteen (13) voting members: Agriculture Commission, one member; Washington State University – King County Extension, one member; City of Seattle, two members; Suburban Cities association, three members.

The remaining six (6) of the thirteen (13) members will be appointed and confirmed by King County without nomination requirements; and three (3) of the sixteen (16) voting members will be appointed by the other voting members of the KCRFPC; and

Upon formal establishment of the KCRFPC as an advisory body to each of their respective jurisdictions, the City of Seattle and King County may each appoint one non-voting member of the KCRFPC;

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_x___ This legislatio n does not have financial implications.

Note. This legislation, in and of itself, does not have any fiscal implications or affect City appropriations. The Resolution states the City shall strive to annually contribute to the KCRFPC staffing and operations costs. No employee of King County, member of the KCRFPC, or staff person of the KCRFPC shall be deemed to be an employee of the City of Seattle for any purpose.

C.B. authorizes an Agreement with King County whereby the City will provide $24,000 in funding for a portion of the KCRFPC staffing and operating costs in 2008.

In addition, the guidance contained in this Resolution may impact City appropriations and expenditures to the extent implemented. Should this occur, Council will review a separate Council Bill pertaining to these future expenditures.

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