



THE WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS-INC

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The City Council
County-City Building
Seattle 4, Washington

Dear Mrs. Edwards and Gentlemen:

The attached copy of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Washington State Chapter of the American Institute of Architects is self explanatory. Yet, we cannot urge too strongly that you give farther consideration to the direct selection of an architect to design a City Hall in accordance with the needs of the City rather than the personal and selfish interest of the low bidder.

An impression exists that we make this recommendation in selfish interest so that an architect will be employed whereas, by the procedure now authorized, it might be possible for bidders to submit proposals without architectural study. On the contrary, under your procedure each bidder would have to employ an architect to prepare bid drawings. We are motivated solely by concern for the City's best interest which the Federal and State governments and business leaders have found can best be served by the recommended procedure.

Sincerely yours,

Harrison Overturf
President

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Enclosure

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The Washington State Chapter,
The American Institute of Architects, Inc.

WHEREAS the City Council is proposing to obtain city office space by the "Lease-Purchase" method, and

WHEREAS the City will own the building at the end of the mortgage payment, making it doubly important that the space be well-designed, and

WHEREAS the proposed procedure contains all the inherent deficiencies which have led the Federal Government through its General Services Administration to change its procedure so that architects and engineers are retained by the Government to plan space suitable to the particular needs of the client,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Washington State Chapter of the American Institute of Architects petition the City Council to revise its procedure to take advantage of the recent experience of other governmental agencies, including the State of Washington, which have used the Lease-Purchase method.

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