

RESOLUTION R-4775

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO INITIATIVE 1033 ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2009, GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.

WHEREAS, Initiative 1033 will be presented to the voters of the State of Washington at the general election on November 3, 2009, with the following official Ballot Title:

Initiative Measure No. 1033 concerns state, county and city revenue.

This measure would limit growth of certain state, county and city revenue to annual inflation and population growth, not including voter-approved revenue increases. Revenue collected above the limit would reduce property tax levies.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes ☐ No ☐;

and

WHEREAS, under Initiative 1033, general fund revenue for any year would be limited to the amount of revenue received by the state, county or city, as applicable, in the previous year, plus a percentage increase reflecting inflation and population growth; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM) has estimated that Initiative 1033 will reduce state general fund revenues that support education; social, health, and environmental services; and general government activities by \$5.9 billion by 2015; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 1033 would remove money from the state general fund at a time when the state already faces a significant projected revenue shortfall for the 2009 – 2011 biennium; and

WHEREAS, OFM has further estimated that Initiative 1033 will reduce general fund revenues that support public safety, infrastructure and general governmental activities by \$694 million for counties and \$2.1 billion for cities by 2015; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 1033 would remove money from the City of Kirkland general fund when the City already faces a projected \$10.07 million revenue shortfall for the 2009 – 2010 biennium; and

WHEREAS, the effect of the Initiative 1033 revenue limitation is exacerbated during a recession as the Initiative does not provide for recovery in the event of an economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, limitations in Initiative 1033 would be in addition to the current levy lid in Chapter 84.55 RCW which limits the total dollar amount regular property taxes levied to the highest amount levied in the three most recent years, multiplied by a limit factor; and

WHEREAS, as provided in RCW 42.17.130, the City Council of the City of Kirkland desires to show its opposition to Initiative 1033;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City Council, after considering testimony at a duly noticed public hearing, hereby opposes Initiative 1033.

Section 2. The City Council hereby urges citizens to vote no on Initiative 1033 on November 3, 2009.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 15th day of September, 2009.

Signed in authentication thereof this 15th day of September, 2009.


MAYOR

Attest:


City Clerk