

RESOLUTION R-4839

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO INITIATIVE 1053 ON THE NOVEMBER 2, 2010, GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.

WHEREAS, Initiative 1053 (I-1053) will be presented to the voters of the State of Washington at the general election on November 2, 2010; and

WHEREAS, I-1053 would require that any action or combination of actions by the legislature that raises taxes be taken only if approved by at least two-thirds legislative approval in both the house of representatives and the senate; and

WHEREAS, I-1053 would further require that a fee only be imposed or increased in any fiscal year if approved with majority legislative approval in both the house of representatives and the senate; and

WHEREAS, I-1053's requirement of a "supermajority" vote for any new tax, would empower one-third of the members of either the house or senate to block any bill to raise revenues for needed programs; and

WHEREAS, government must have the resources and power to make decisions that meet citizens needs and reconcile conflicting interests and priorities, and it must be able to function in an efficient manner with a minimum of conflict, wasted time, and duplication of effort; and

WHEREAS, as provided in RCW 42.17.130, the City Council of the City of Kirkland desires to show its opposition to I-933;

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

Section 1. The City Council opposes Initiative 1053.


Section 2. The City Council urges Kirkland voters to vote no on Initiative 1053 on November 2, 2010.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 5th day of October, 2010.

Signed in authentication thereof this 5th day of October,
2010.


MAYOR

Attest:


City Clerk