

RESOLUTION R-4886

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR KING COUNTY PROPOSITION NO. 1, THE VETERANS AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVY.

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2011, voters in King County will decide whether to approve King County Proposition No. 1, the Veterans and Human Services Levy; and

WHEREAS, in November 2005 a Veterans and Human Services Levy passed in King County with nearly fifty-eight percent approval generating much needed funding to help veterans, military personnel and their families and other individuals and families in need across the county through a variety of regional health and human services; and

WHEREAS, the Veterans and Human Services Levy has generated an average of \$14.3 million per year, with one-half of these revenues dedicated exclusively for veterans and their families and the remaining one-half dedicated to other King County residents in need of human services. This levy remains in effect until December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, all activities supported by the levy advance one or more of three overarching policy goals: 1. Reducing homelessness; 2. Reducing emergency medical and criminal justice involvement; or 3. Increasing self-sufficiency for veterans, military personnel, their families and other individuals and families in need; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, the Veterans and Human Services Levy has met these policy goals through a broad array of successful services and programs; and

WHEREAS, the need for veterans and human services remains high, with approximately one hundred thirty-nine thousand veterans living in King County representing over twenty percent of the state's veterans; and

WHEREAS, King County has a growing homeless population, estimated to be as many as eight thousand five hundred on any given night; and

WHEREAS, the current recession continues to challenge individuals and families throughout the region, as high unemployment and foreclosure rates increase the need for housing and supportive health and human services; and

WHEREAS, given the positive outcomes of the Veterans and Human Services Levy on the lives of veterans, military personnel, their families and other individuals and families in need, and the projected need for sustained veterans and human services funding in the future, it is appropriate to ask the voters to renew and replace the Veterans and Human Services Levy; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, RCW 42.17.130, the City Council of Kirkland desires to show its support for King County Proposition No. 1, the Veterans and Human Services Levy.


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

Section 1. The City Council hereby supports King County Proposition No. 1, the Veterans and Human Services Levy.

Section 2. The City Council hereby urges Kirkland voters to support the Veterans and Human Services Levy measure to ensure continued programs and services to benefit our community and our quality of life.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 5th day of July, 2011.

Signed in authentication thereof this 5th day of July, 2011.

  
MAYOR

Attest:

  
City Clerk