

RESOLUTION R-4928

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR KING COUNTY PROPOSITION NO. 1, THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES CENTER CAPITAL LEVY.

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2012, voters in the City of Kirkland will decide, in a Special Election, whether to approve Proposition No. 1, the King County Children and Family Services Center Capital Levy; and

WHEREAS, King County provides many regional juvenile justice functions for Kirkland and all cities within the County, including the care and custody of youth who are detained in the juvenile detention facility, the provision of prosecution and indigent defense services for juvenile offenders, and court services for juvenile offender cases, as well as child abandonment, abuse and neglect cases, truancy, and cases involving runaways, and At Risk Youth; and

WHEREAS, the existing King County Youth Service Center in downtown Seattle is in a state of disrepair and is in need of replacement to ensure the provision of continuing balanced and restorative justice services for King County children and families including those in the City of Kirkland; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide funding for construction of a new Children and Family Justice Center the Metropolitan King County Council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 17304, authorizing a nine-year property levy lid lift proposal of seven cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to raise approximately \$210 million for construction; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the property tax levy would raise approximately \$210 million for construction of the Children and Family Justice Center on the current site of the Youth Service Center; and

WHEREAS, the investment in a top-quality regional facility that provides support for families navigating the juvenile justice system is important to public safety services and the needs of all of the residents of King County, including the City of Kirkland; 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 Children and Family Services Center Capital 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 Children and Family Services Capital Levy.

Section 2: The City Council hereby urges Kirkland voters to support the Children and Family Services Center Capital Levy measure to ensure continued quality family and juvenile justice services to the benefit of the region and community.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 3rd day of July, 2012.

Signed in authentication thereof this 3rd day of July, 2012.


MAYOR

Attest:


City Clerk