

RESOLUTION R-5157

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND
OPPOSING INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 1366, CONCERNING STATE
TAXES AND FEES.

1 WHEREAS, Initiative Measure (I-1366) will be presented to the
2 voters of the State of Washington at the general election on November
3 3, 2015; and
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5 WHEREAS, this measure would cut the state retail sales tax from
6 6.5 percent to 5.5 percent on April 15, 2016, unless the legislature first
7 proposes a specific amendment to the state constitution; and
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9 WHEREAS, under this measure, the proposed constitutional
10 amendment must require that for any tax increase, either the voters
11 approve the increase or two-thirds of the members of each house of the
12 legislature approve the increase; and
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14 WHEREAS, the proposed constitutional amendment must also
15 require the legislature to set the amount of any fee increase; and
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17 WHEREAS, if the legislature does not refer the constitutional
18 amendment to voters for consideration at the November 2016 general
19 election, the Washington Office of Financial Management estimates:
20 that over the next six fiscal years sales tax revenue for the state General
21 Fund would decrease \$8 billion and sales tax revenue for the state
22 Performance Audit Account decrease \$12.8 million; and
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24 WHEREAS, these forced reductions in state revenues would
25 negatively affect the provision of vital public services, including schools
26 and colleges; and
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28 WHEREAS, Kirkland's quality of life and economic vitality rests in
29 part on strong, high performing elementary, middle and secondary
30 schools provided by the Lake Washington School District; and
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32 WHEREAS, the City Council believes that passage of I-1366
33 would result in years of litigation and uncertainty for the state
34 government and all school districts within the state, including the Lake
35 Washington School District in Kirkland, at a time the legislature must
36 comply with Supreme Court educational funding mandates; and
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38 WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, RCW 42.17.130, the City
39 Council of Kirkland desires to show its opposition to I-1366.

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

42 Section 1. The City Council opposes Initiative No. 1366,
43 concerning state taxes and fees.

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45 Section 2. The City Council urges Kirkland voters to vote no on
46 Initiative No. 1366.

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48 Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open
49 meeting this 20th day of October, 2015.

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51 Signed in authentication thereof this 20th day of October, 2015.


MAYOR

Attest:


City Clerk