

RESOLUTION R-4728

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO INITIATIVE 985 ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008, GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2008, voters in Washington State will have the opportunity to vote on Initiative 985 (I-985); and

WHEREAS, over five years, I-985 would take approximately \$622.6 million out of state and local general transportation funds and deposit this money into a traffic congestion account without outlining specific uses or projects and with no timeline for implementation; and

WHEREAS, if passed I-985 will likely make traffic congestion worse, not better, by opening up High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes 18 hours a day and dramatically undermining the reliability of transit and the carpools and vanpools used more and more by large employers around the clock; and

WHEREAS, Lake Washington commuters will be particularly impacted as I-985 will prevent tolling the I-90 bridge to help pay for the reconstruction of the SR 520 bridge; and

WHEREAS, I-985 would remove money from the state general fund at a time when the state already faces a projected \$3.2 billion revenue shortfall which will result in placing education and human and social services programs at risk for more than six million Washington residents; and

WHEREAS, I-985 takes fines paid by offenders caught by local automated traffic safety camera programs being used by 12 Washington cities and sends all the revenues from these programs to the state; and

WHEREAS, the Suburban Cities Association is a nonprofit organization serving 35 suburban cities in King County; and

WHEREAS, at the request of 28 members cities, and in a strong show of solidarity, the Suburban Cities Association's Board of Directors has voted unanimously to oppose I-985; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 42.17.130, the Kirkland City Council wishes to show its opposition to I-985;

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

Section 1. The City Council, after considering public comment at a duly noticed public hearing, hereby opposes Initiative 985.

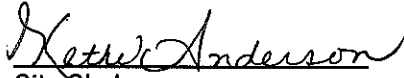
Section 2. The City Council hereby urges citizens to vote no on Initiative 985 on November 4, 2008.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting
this 7th day of Monday, 2008.

Signed in authentication thereof this 7th day of October, 2008.


MAYOR

Attest:


City Clerk