RESOLUTION R-4651

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND URGING THE KING COUNTY COUNCIL TO PLACE A COUNTY-WIDE 2008-2013 MEDIC ONE/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) LEVY OF UP TO \$0.30 PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION ON THE NOVEMBER 2007 PRIMARY BALLOT.

WHEREAS, the existing Medic One/EMS Levy will expire at the end of the year 2007; and

WHEREAS, a region-wide effort to thoroughly review the future needs of the emergency medical services system began in October of 2005 and involved the full range of Medic One/EMS Stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, such analysis included the impacts that a specific levy type, length and rate might have on the regional system and taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kirkland significantly participated in these discussions throughout the process and was represented as a Stakeholder on both the Technical Stakeholder and the Elected Official Committees; and

WHEREAS, in October of 2006, Stakeholders developed consensus around the future funding and operational plans for a 2008-2013 Medic One/EMS levy and unanimously endorsed a six-year levy of up to \$0.30 per thousand dollars of assessed value; and

WHEREAS, the King County Council is now considering a multi-year levy lid lift as an alternative to a six-year Medic One/EMS levy of up to \$0.30 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for the period of 2008 through 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland City Council has reviewed and compared the two levy proposals and favors a six-year EMS levy of up to \$0.30 per thousand dollars of assessed value;

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

Section 1. The City Council supports the proposed six-year Countywide Medic One/EMS Levy of up to \$0.30 per thousand dollars of assessed value for the Years 2008-2013 over the multi-year lid lift alternative proposal and urges the King County Council to place a Medic One/EMS Levy as a ballot measure before voters in the November 2007 primary election.

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Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this <u>19th</u> day of <u>June</u>, 2007.

Signed in authentication thereof this <u>19th</u> day of <u>June</u>, 2007.

MAYOR, Inderso

Attest:

City Clerk