

**RESOLUTION No. 2009 - 17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN  
STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO INITIATIVE 1033 ON THE  
NOVEMBER 3, 2009, GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT.**

**WHEREAS**, Initiative 1033 will be presented to the voters of the state of Washington at the general election on November 3, 2009, with the following official Ballot Title:

**Initiative Measure No. 1033 concerns state, county and city revenue.** This measure would limit growth of certain state, county and city revenue to annual inflation and population growth, not including voter-approved revenue increases. Revenue collected above the limit would reduce property tax levies.

Should this measure be enacted into law: Yes  No ;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has determined that Initiative 1033 would severely limit Aberdeen's ability to provide basic levels of service, such as fire and police response, street maintenance, and maintenance of the City's parks;

**WHEREAS**, the effect of the Initiative 1033 revenue limitation on Aberdeen is aggravated because the "base year" for determining permissible general fund expenditures falls not only during a national recession but also at a time when general fund revenues have been significantly reduced from recent mill closures;

**WHEREAS**, the revenue limitations of Initiative 1033 would permanently reduce Aberdeen's budget to the recessionary, mill closure levels of 2009 and effectively prevent restoration of services or the rebuilding of cash reserves as the local economy recovers;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with RCW 42.17.130 the opportunity for public statements and comments was afforded by the City Council; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABERDEEN:** that the City Council of the city of Aberdeen urges citizens to vote no on Initiative 1033 on November 3, 2009.

**PASSED and APPROVED** on October 14, 2009.

ATTESTED:

  
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Kathryn Skolrood, Finance Director

  
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Bill Simpson, Mayor