

RESOLUTION NO. R2009-012

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Tumwater, Washington 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 [];

and

WHEREAS, under Initiative 1033, general fund revenue for any year would be limited to the amount of revenue received by the city in the previous year, plus a percentage increase reflecting inflation and population growth; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Office of Financial Management estimates that, if passed, Initiative 1033 will reduce state general fund revenues by 2015 in the amount of 5.9 billion; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Office of Financial Management further estimates that, if passed, Initiative 1033 will reduce general fund revenues by \$694 million for counties and \$2.1 billion for cities by 2015; and

WHEREAS, if passed, the effect of Initiative 1033 on the City of Tumwater would be to reduce general fund revenues that support public safety, infrastructure and general governmental activities by an estimated \$7.8 million by 2015 according to the Association of Washington Cities data; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a properly noticed public hearing on October 20, 2009 to allow the public, those in favor and those in opposition, the opportunity to comment on Initiative 1033; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that an expression opposing Initiative 1033 is appropriate and in the public's interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Tumwater City Council opposes Initiative 1033, which will be presented to voters in conjunction with the November 3, 2009 general election ballot.

Section 2. The City of Tumwater City Council hereby urges citizens to vote no on Initiative 1033 on November 3, 2009.

Section 3. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 4. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.


Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

RESOLVED this 20 day of October, 2009.

CITY OF TUMWATER


Ralph C. Osgood, Mayor

ATTEST:


James Hendrickson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney