

CITY OF REDMOND
RESOLUTION NO. 1307

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, TAKING A POSITION OF OPPOSITION TO INITIATIVE 1033 LIMITING THE GROWTH OF STATE, COUNTY AND CITY "GENERAL FUND" REVENUES RECEIVED FROM TAXES, FEES AND OTHER CHARGES NOT EXPRESSLY APPROVED BY VOTERS

WHEREAS, the Washington Secretary of State certified Initiative 1033 for the ballot on November 3, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 1033 would limit the growth of state, county, and city revenues general fund revenues received from taxes, fees, and other charges not approved by voters; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Financial Management's preliminary estimates of the fiscal impact to the state, counties, and cities are to be an \$8.7 billion decrease in revenues through 2015; and

WHEREAS, the effect of the limitation is exacerbated during a recession, as the Initiative does not address the impacts of a recovery following an economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 1033 only excludes voter approved revenue after the date of the initiative and does not exclude revenues previously approved by voters; and

WHEREAS, it is unclear how the Initiative's limitations coincide with current state law regarding limitations on the growth in property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has carefully considered the direct and indirect impacts of Initiative 1033 and concludes the initiative will undermine the ability for the state, counties, and cities to provide services to constituents.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES to take an official position in opposition to Initiative 1033.

ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this 15th day of September, 2009.

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JOHN MARCHIONE, MAYOR

ATTEST:


MICHELLE M. MCGEHEE, CMC, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: September 9, 2009
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: September 15, 2009
EFFECTIVE DATE: September 15, 2009
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APPROVED 5-1, YES: Cole, Margeson, McCormick, Myers and Vache; NO: Carson