

CITY OF REDMOND
RESOLUTION NO. 1363

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, STATING THE CITY
COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR KING COUNTY PROPOSITION
NO.1, THE VETERANS AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVY

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2011, voters in King County will decide whether or not to approve King County Proposition No. 1, to renew and replace an expiring levy providing funding for regional veterans, health and human services; and

WHEREAS, in November 2005, a veterans and human services levy passed with nearly 58 percent approval, generating much needed funding to help veterans, military personnel and their families and other individuals and families in need across the county through a variety of regional health and human services; and

WHEREAS, the veterans and human services levy has generated an average of \$14.6 million per year, with one-half of these revenues dedicated exclusively for veterans and their families and one-half dedicated to other King County residents in need of health and human services. This levy expires December 31, 2011; and

WHEREAS, all activities supported by the levy advance one or more of three overarching policy goals: (1) reducing homelessness; (2) reducing emergency medical and criminal justice involvement;

or (3) increasing self-sufficiency for veterans, military personnel, their families and other individuals in need; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, activities supported by the veterans and human services levy met these policy goals through a broad array of services and programs; and

WHEREAS, the need for veterans and human services remains high, with approximately one hundred thirty-nine thousand veterans living in King County, with 19 percent of disabled veterans residing in East King County, including Redmond; and

WHEREAS, King County continues to have a large homeless population, estimated to be as many as eight thousand five hundred on any given night; and

WHEREAS, the current recession continues to challenge individuals and families throughout the region, as high unemployment and foreclosure rates increase the need for housing and supportive health and human services; and

WHEREAS, state and local resources continue to be strained, challenging the ability to meet the demand for services; and

WHEREAS, given the positive outcomes of the veterans and human services levy on the lives of veterans, military personnel, their families and other individuals and families in need, and the projected need for sustained veterans and human services funding in the future, it is appropriate to ask the voters to renew and replace the expiring veterans and human services levy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Redmond desires to show its support for King County Proposition No. 1, authorizing King County to levy an additional property tax of five cents per one-thousand dollars of assessed valuation for collection in 2012 and annual increases by the percentage increase in the consumer price index or one percent, whichever is greater, with a maximum increase of three percent, for the five succeeding years.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby supports King County Proposition No. 1, providing funding for regional veterans, health, and human services.

Section 2. The City Council hereby urges Redmond voters to support King County Proposition No. 1, the veterans and human services levy, to ensure continued programs and services to benefit our community and our quality of life.

ADOPTED by the Redmond City Council this 19th day of July,
2011.

CITY OF REDMOND



JOHN MARCHIONE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MICHELLE M. MCGEHEE, CMC, CITY CLERK

(SEAL)

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APPROVED 7-0: Allen, Carson, Cole, Margeson, Myers, Stilin and Vache