

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOTHELL, WASHINGTON STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO THE STATE BALLOT INITIATIVE 776, REPEALING AND LIMITING LOCAL GOVERNMENT VEHICLE FEES AND TAXES, TO BE VOTED ON BY THE PUBLIC IN THE NOVEMBER 5, 2002 STATE GENERAL ELECTION.

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WHEREAS, the State of Washington Initiative 776 has been certified for the November 5, 2002 ballot; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 776 would attempt to repeal existing local motor vehicle excise taxes and vehicle license fees that are used for local transportation projects supported by the people of Bothell, including taxes that have received voter approval; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 776 would eliminate approximately \$1.7 million in transportation revenues to the City of Bothell over the next six years; and

WHEREAS, the citizens Bothell have consistently indicated that transportation issues and the need for transportation improvements are the highest local priority; and

WHEREAS, the State ballot initiatives in recent years have already reduced overall state funding for transportation by 21%; and

WHEREAS, a well-functioning transportation system is essential for Bothell to retain and attracting companies in its business parks that provide economic vitality and family-wage jobs to the City and to the region; and

WHEREAS, the local transportation funding that would be eliminated by this Initiative is needed for Bothell to continue to maintain existing levels of transportation services to Bothell citizens, Bothell businesses, and those working in Bothell;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOTHELL, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. To hereby declare its opposition to and encourage disapproval of State ballot Initiative 776, which will be presented to the voters at the November 5, 2002 State General Election.

PASSED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2002.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR, BOB BANDARRA

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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CITY CLERK, JOANNE TRUDEL

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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