

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISSAQUAH 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 state, county or city, as applicable, in the previous year, plus a percentage increase reflecting inflation and population growth; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM) has estimated that Initiative 1033 will reduce state general fund revenues that support education; social, health, and environmental services; and general government activities by \$5.9 billion by 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Initiative 1033 would remove money from the state general fund at a time when the state already faces a significant projected revenue shortfall for the 2009 – 2011 biennium; and,

WHEREAS, OFM has further estimated that Initiative 1033 will reduce general fund revenues that support public safety, infrastructure and general governmental activities by \$694 million for counties and \$2.1 billion for cities by 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Initiative 1033 would remove money from the City of Issaquah general fund when the City already faces a projected \$7.0 million revenue shortfall for the 2009 – 2010 biennium; and,

WHEREAS, the effect of the Initiative 1033 revenue limitation is exacerbated during a recession as the Initiative does not provide for recovery in the event of an economic downturn; and,

WHEREAS, limitations in Initiative 1033 would be in addition to the current levy lid in Chapter 84.55 RCW which limits the total dollar amount regular property taxes levied to the highest amount levied in the three most recent years, multiplied by a limit factor; and,

WHEREAS, as provided in RCW 42.17.130, the City Council of the City of Issaquah desires to show its opposition to Initiative 1033;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Issaquah as follows:

Section 1. The City Council, after considering testimony at a duly noticed public hearing, hereby opposes Initiative 1033.

Section 2. The City Council hereby urges citizens to vote no on Initiative

1033 on November 3, 2009.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Issaquah the 5th day of October,
2009.

Approved:


MAUREEN McCARRY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Approved by the Mayor of the City of Issaquah the 5th day of October,
2009.


AVA FRISINGER, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


CITY CLERK, CHRISTINE EGGERS

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

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