

RESOLUTION NO. 1170

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON,
OPPOSING INITIATIVE 1033, INTENDED TO LIMIT GROWTH OF CERTAIN
STATE, COUNTY AND CITY REVENUE**

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Forest Park is facing budget deficits this year which are significantly impacting the levels of service to which the City inhabitants have become accustomed; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Forest Park has made cuts of \$500,000 and five positions to meet revenue short fall due to Initiative 747 which limits the property tax annual increase to one per cent, well below the average inflation rate; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lake Forest Park is considering further revenue generating and program cuts in the current biennial budget to meet additional budget shortfalls; and

WHEREAS, I-1033 would further increase the deficits of the City each year putting a large burden on the City, limiting the ability of the City to maintain its current levels of service; and

WHEREAS, I-1033 proposes to lock in this year's budget as the baseline, thereby slowing economic recovery starting this year; and,

WHEREAS, I-1033 would make it illegal for the state of Washington and its municipalities to spend more than was spent the year before on services such as schools, parks, police, fire or hospitals; and,

WHEREAS, the state Constitution mandates that initiatives cannot be altered for two years after their passage without a supermajority, potentially extending the economic recession and slowing the recovery; and

WHEREAS, a similar measure, which passed in Colorado in 1992, has had a devastating effect on services including education, the judicial system, health care and libraries in that state and was put on hold by voters in 2005 so their state could recover; and

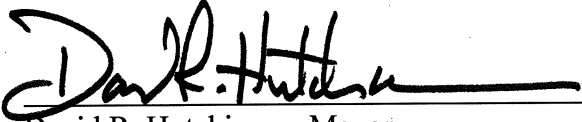
WHEREAS, counties and cities will incur indeterminate costs to implement the initiative during CY 2009 and CY2010; and

WHEREAS, prior to adoption of this resolution, the city of Lake Forest Park has given notice of the meeting which contains the official Ballot Title of Initiative 1033, and has afforded equal opportunity at the meeting for any person to express an opposing view.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Lake Forest Park, David R. Hutchinson, with the Council concurring, does hereby officially oppose Initiative 1033, and urges its rejection by voters on November 3, 2009.

PASSED by the city of Lake Forest Park City Council on the 10th day of September 2009 and signed into authentication this 11th day of September 2009.

APPROVED:


David R. Hutchinson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Susan Stine, City Clerk