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4 Requested by: Pierce County Council

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6 RESOLUTION NO. R2004-88s2

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8 A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL CALLING FOR AN
9 ELECTION ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2004, FOR THE PURPOSE OF
10 SUBMITTING TO THE AFFECTED VOTERS THE DETERMINATION
11 OF WHETHER OR NOT THE PIERCE COUNTY GENERAL COUNTY
12 LEVY RATE FOR 2004 SHALL BE RENEWED AT THE EXISTING
13 RATE OF \$1.5545.

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15 WHEREAS, The County built a new jail which opened in 2003
16 to address jail overcrowding problems; and

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18 WHEREAS, A United States District Court Stipulated Order
19 and Final Judgment requires Pierce County to avoid overcrowding
20 in the County jail, so that when inmate population exceeds the
21 maximum jail capacity, the County must release inmates from the
22 jail; and

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1 WHEREAS, In 2004, the County has had to release prisoners
2 prior to the completion of their sentences because the County
3 did not have the financial capability to open additional jail
4 pods; and

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6 WHEREAS, Pierce County's total general county property
7 tax levy rate for taxes collected in 2004 was \$1.5545 per each
8 \$1,000 of assessed value; and

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10 WHEREAS, If the voters of Pierce County approve the same
11 levy rate for taxes to be collected in 2005 as was in effect for
12 taxes collected in 2004, additional revenue should be available
13 to pay for jail staff; and

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15 WHEREAS, It will take additional correction personnel to
16 open each additional jail pod which would lessen the chance of
17 jail overcrowding and early prisoner release; NOW, THEREFORE,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Pierce County:

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21 Section 1. The Pierce County Council hereby calls for an
22 election to be held on September 14, 2004, to determine whether
23 or not the 2004 Pierce County general county levy rate for
24 taxes to be collected in 2005 shall be renewed at the existing
25 rate of \$1.5545 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable
26 property within the County.

