

**RESOLUTION NO. 788**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SNOQUALMIE, WASHINGTON,  
OPPOSING INITIATIVE 933, ENTITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO  
PROVIDING FAIRNESS IN GOVERNMENT REGULATION OF PROPERTY"**

WHEREAS, Initiative 933 (I-933) will be presented to the voters of the State of Washington at the general election on November 7, 2006, with the following official Ballot Title:

Statement of the Subject: Initiative Measure 933 concerns government regulation of private property.

Concise Description: This measure would require compensation when government regulation damages the use or value of private property, would forbid regulations that prohibit existing legal uses of private property, and would provide exceptions or payments.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes [ ] No [ ]

and

WHEREAS, I-933 would require an agency that "decides" to enforce or apply any ordinance, regulation or rule to private property that would result in damaging the use or value of private property payment to first pay compensation, as defined in I-933 , and

WHEREAS, the definition of "private property" includes virtually all interests in real and personal property, and

WHEREAS, the definition of "damaging the use or value" of private property is extremely broad, so as to deprive local jurisdictions, including the City of Snoqualmie, of the ability to adopt and enforce reasonable land use regulations, including comprehensive planning and zoning to ensure the appropriate location of uses, and compatibility among uses located in proximity

to each other; sensitive areas regulations necessary to prevent environmental harm; and general development regulations necessary to promote the public health, safety and welfare, and

WHEREAS, I-933 erroneously implies that local jurisdictions have authority to "decide" not to enforce or apply their duly adopted ordinances, regulations and rules, without granting express authority to pay compensation or waive the enforcement or application thereof, and even if the authority to waive the enforcement or application of duly adopted ordinances, regulations and rules were explicitly granted by I-933, the selective application of such waiver would be inequitable and result in inappropriate development and environmental harm, and

WHEREAS, the cost of processing and paying compensation for the enforcement and application of reasonable development regulations in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare would exceed the annual budget of the City of Snoqualmie many times over, crippling the ability of the City to provide needed public safety, infrastructure and other public services, and

WHEREAS, the process required by I-933 to adopt new ordinances, regulations and rules to protect the public health, safety and welfare would be unduly burdensome, slow and costly, and

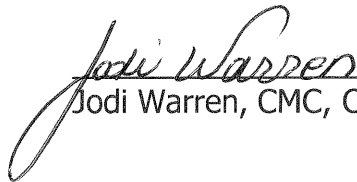
WHEREAS, prior to adoption of this resolution, the City of Snoqualmie has given notice of the meeting at which it was considered containing the official Ballot Title of Initiative 933, and has afforded equal opportunity at the meeting

for any person to express an opposing view, now, therefore, be it  
RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, that the  
City of Snoqualmie opposes adoption of Initiative 933, and urges its rejection by  
the voters.


PASSED by the City Council of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, this  
14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

  
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Matthew R. Larson, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Jodi Warren, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
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Patrick B. Anderson, City Attorney