

RESOLUTION NO. R2010-016

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Tumwater, Washington expressing the City Council's opposition to Initiatives 1100 and 1105, on the November 2, 2010 General Election Ballot.

WHEREAS, the voters of the State of Washington will be presented with two initiatives to the people, Initiative 1100 and Initiative 1105, each privatizing the distribution and retail sale of liquor; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 1100 would allow for volume sales of wine, beer, and liquor; would allow beer and wine retailers to sell liquor, would eliminate the state liquor profits, and result in the revenue loss of an estimated \$123,092 in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 1105 would allow for volume discounts on liquor sales, repeal liquor profits and taxes, and result in the revenue loss of an estimated \$206,606 in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the current economic recession and cuts to State funding have significantly impacted the City of Tumwater's finances and the City's general fund will have further negative impacts by reductions in liquor funding; and

WHEREAS, the City has already made significant cuts and is planning more significant cuts to balance the City's general fund budget; and

WHEREAS, further cuts to the City's general fund will impact provision of essential services in police, fire, planning, courts, and parks; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tumwater has provided legal notice of a public hearing and afforded an opportunity for those supporting and opposing these initiatives to provide testimony; and

WHEREAS, such privatization is intended to extend the availability and sale of alcohol, which will increase the incidence of social problems that historically accompany alcohol use and increase society's cost of responding to those problems while reducing the funds available for such services; and

WHEREAS, Washington State law allows city councils to express a collective sense of support or opposition to ballot initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Following a review of statements in support and opposition, and affording an opportunity for supporters and opponents to speak, the City Council expresses its collective position in opposition to Washington State Initiatives 1100 and 1105.


Section 2. Ratification. Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

Section 3. Severability. The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

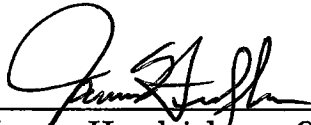
RESOLVED this 5th day of October, 2010.

CITY OF TUMWATER



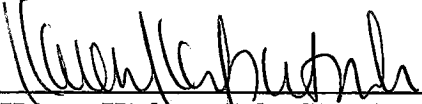
Pete Kmet, Mayor

ATTEST:



James Hendrickson, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney