

RESOLUTION NO. 1201

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS CITY COUNCIL REAFFIRMING THE COUNCIL COMMITMENT TO A NOVEMBER PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Whereas the Edmonds City Council voted 7-0 in October 2008 to create a "Revenue Work Group" and

Whereas the Council voted 7-0 in December to add a "budget note" to the 2009-2010 City of Edmonds Budget that directed the City to go to a levy vote in November 2009, and

Whereas the Council adopted a Levy Timeline in February after discussion at its retreat which was affirmed by a 7-0 vote also in February, and

Whereas the 8 groups from the 60-person Citizens Levy Review Committee reported unanimously on April 21st that the City should move forward with a levy in November, and

Whereas the Council voted 7-0 to create a Citizens Economic Development Commission as a long-term strategy to address the revenue shortfalls, but recognized during Council deliberations on the matter that a levy was still critical to address short-term revenue problems, and

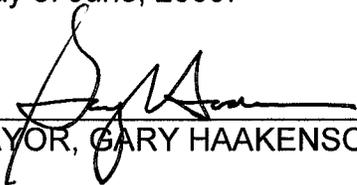
Whereas the Council voted 7-0 to direct staff to create levy options of a size of \$3.75 million dollars, which staff has done, and

Whereas the Council, and particularly the Mayor, have done a good job of educating the public for almost a year about the budget problems faced by the City of Edmonds, and that our message has always been clear that the City needs a levy passed to continue general operations, and

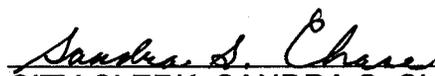
Whereas after 5 unanimous votes and the largest, most open and transparent citizen levy review process ever conducted by the City of Edmonds, the public trust in the credibility of City of Edmonds' elected officials will be damaged if Council now says that such a levy is no longer needed this November,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council commits to determining the size and scope of a property tax levy by July 28th in order to be on the ballot for November 2009 for citizen review and approval.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 23rd day of June, 2009.


MAYOR, GARY HAAKENSON

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

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