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Renton City Council Adopts Resolution Opposing Initiative 933

RENTON: On Monday, October 23, 2006, the Renton City Council voted unanimously to pass a resolution opposing Initiative 933 (I-933), the land use measure on November's ballot. A public meeting was held where parties from both sides of the issue were invited to attend and provide testimony for the Council to consider.

The city's resolution states that under the provisions of I-933, the cost to city taxpayers would increase significantly, not only due to the cost of compensation but also due to the initiative's numerous associated costs. The city would endure expensive and lengthy processes prior to legislative enactments, and would need to document potential impacts of new regulations. The city's existing permit requests would be delayed in order to address I-933 claims, pre-enactment analysis, and mitigation of the city's liability. The Association of Washington Cities, with the aid of the Office of Financial Management, estimates added annual costs to city taxpayers at \$63-\$80 million.

"The City of Renton has worked hard to provide needed infrastructure, public services, and public safety to its residents, and this initiative would have significant negative impact," said Renton Mayor Kathy Keolker. It would effect planned growth, property values and ultimately reduce the city's ability to provide service."

Renton joins several other cities in King County and others in the campaign to vote no on I-933. Governor Christine Gregoire; former governors Albert Rosellini, Dan Evans, John Spellman, Booth Gardner, Mike Lowry and Gary Locke; the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce; organized labor; and environmental and land-conservation groups have opposed the initiative.