

City of Langley, Washington
Resolution No. 710

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY, WASHINGTON declaring a support for the November 4, 2008 ballot proposition of the Port District of South Whidbey Island, Island County, Washington which requests authorization to increase its regular property tax levy for the purpose of obtaining funds for expansion and improvement of the Harbor in Langley.

WHEREAS, the Port District of South Whidbey Island ("the Port District") will submit to its qualified electors at the November 4, 2008 special election a ballot proposition that authorizes the Port District to increase its regular property tax levy for the purpose of obtaining funds for expansion and improvement of the Langley Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the current structure at the harbor has a maximum 10-15 year life span and passage of this measure will allow the Port District to improve that infrastructure at the harbor and add alternative deep water harbor and moorage on South Whidbey for tour boats and back up if the ferry is down; and

WHEREAS, these increased funds would improve the boat ramp, dock and parking areas of the harbor adding better fishing and crabbing access and improved access for non-motorized boat activities such as kayaks, canoes and small sailboats; and

WHEREAS, New jobs will be created at the boat harbor, local residents and visiting tourists will spend money in our community benefiting the South end economy; and

WHEREAS, these funds would also revitalize Phil Simon Park and move it to the water side of the harbor taking advantage of the sandy beach and would also improve the underwater ecosystem by removing the polluting creosote piles and toxic tire reef and replace it with an enhanced diving reef; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Langley that:

The City Council hereby supports the November 4, 2008 ballot proposition of the Port District and urges all registered voters within the boundaries of the Port District of South Whidbey Island to carefully consider and vote to approve the ballot proposition which reads as follows:

PORT DISTRICT OF SOUTH WHIDBEY ISLAND

The Board of Commissioners of the Port District of South Whidbey Island, Island County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 08-02 concerning an increase of its

regular property tax levy. For the purpose of obtaining funds for expansion and improvement of the South Whidbey Harbor in Langley, this proposition would authorize the Port District to increase its regular property tax levy, current rate of \$0.1020 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, to \$0.19 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2009 and increase the levy as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW for each of the nineteen succeeding years or until said purpose has been accomplished, whichever is first. Should this proposition be approved?

YES

NO

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY and approved by the Mayor at a regular meeting this ___ day of October, 2008.

PAUL SAMUELSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

DEBBIE L. MAHLER, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

GRANT K. WEED, City Attorney