

**City of Langley, Washington
Resolution No.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY, WASHINGTON opposing the August 16, 2011 Ballot Proposition 1 of the City of Langley, Island County, Washington which is a proposition relating to whether the City should adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government.

WHEREAS, the City of Langley will submit to its qualified electors at the August 16, 2011 special election/primary election, a ballot proposition relating to whether the City should adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Council/Mayor form of government; and

WHEREAS, the Langley City Council firmly believes that the current structure of Langley government with a Mayor/Council form has been in place and working well since the City was incorporated in 1913; and

WHEREAS, in recent years and in 2011 the City has experienced substantial losses of revenue and experienced budget cuts due to the condition of the economy. If the ballot proposition were to pass the increased costs of hiring and employing a City Manager would put at risk the level of core services which can be provided by the City ; and

WHEREAS, no Washington city as small as Langley has a Council - Manager form of government and our City budget will not support anticipated increased costs of this change without further budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, it is the view of the City Council that an elected mayor will be more responsive to the community and that retention of the existing Mayor/Council form of government provides more checks and balances by virtue of the community retaining the authority to elect its leader; and

WHEREAS, notice has been provided to the public of the City Council's intent to consider this resolution and prior to adoption of this Resolution a full and fair opportunity and equal time has been provided for the public to provide opposing views as required by law;

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

The City Council hereby opposes the August 16, 2011 ballot proposition 1 of the City of Langley and urges all registered voters within the boundaries of the City to carefully consider and vote no on the ballot proposition which reads as follows:

CITY OF LANGLEY

PROPOSITION NO. 1

WHETHER TO ADOPT COUNCIL/MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR LANGLEY

Shall the City of Langley adopt the Council/Manager form of government and abandon the Mayor/Council form of government?

Yes

No

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY and approved by the Mayor at a regular meeting this ___ day of July, 2011.

PAUL SAMUELSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

DEBBIE L. MAHLER, Director of Finance/City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

GRANT K. WEED, City Attorney