

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 7809

A RESOLUTION supporting City of Bellevue Proposition No. 1, a levy for City parks and natural areas.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bellevue has previously approved a Parks & Open Space System Plan (the "Plan"), which calls for the acquisition of open space and parks that add to the City's existing holdings, preserve natural areas, provide trail corridors and open space buffers, and additional community and neighborhood parks, and which calls for the acquisition, improvement and development of various City parks and recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Plan identifies the City's natural system of forests and wetland resources, wildlife habitat, and shoreline resources, which help define the City and make it unique; and

WHEREAS, major stream systems, including Coal Creek, Kelsey Creek, Vasa Creek, and Lewis Creek, carry surface water to either Lake Washington or Lake Sammamish; and the benefits of preserving and protecting these environmentally sensitive areas include: stream corridor, wetland, and forested slope preservation; stormwater biofiltration for improved water quality; natural flood control and improved air quality; and natural beauty preservation; and

WHEREAS, in 1988 the voters of the City authorized the issuance of unlimited tax general obligation bonds for park purposes, paid from an excess property tax (the "1988 Levy"); and

WHEREAS, these bonds have been retired, and the 1988 Levy has expired; and

WHEREAS, in order to implement the parks and open space capital goals under the Plan for at least 20 years, and to maintain and operate parks to Bellevue standards, the City is in need of additional funding to supplement City funds to be applied to these purposes and to replace the expired 1988 Levy; and

WHEREAS, the Bellevue City Council approved Ordinance No. 5828 on July 21, 2008, placing City of Bellevue Proposition 1 on the November 4, 2008 ballot; now, therefore:

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Bellevue hereby declares its support for City of Bellevue Ballot Proposition No. 1, a levy for City parks and natural

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areas, which will be presented to the voters at the November 4, 2008 General Election.

Passed by the City Council this 6th day of October, 2008, and signed in authentication of its passage this 6th day of October, 2008.

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Grant S. Degginger, Mayor

Attest:



Myrna L. Basich, City Clerk