

RESOLUTION NO. 545

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS GOVERNMENT FUNDING PROBLEMS CREATED BY PASSAGE OF I-695.

WHEREAS, Initiative 695 was adopted by the voters of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Initiative eliminated the motor vehicle excise tax which was the source of funding for basic services by cities and counties such as public safety and public health; and

WHEREAS, the motor vehicle excise tax also funded sales tax equalization, a program which provided revenue to the vast majority of Washington cities that do not generate sufficient sales tax revenue within their cities to provide basic services; and

WHEREAS, cities, counties, and public health agencies have all suffered significant revenue losses as a result of passage of the initiative; and

WHEREAS, the essential services that were funded from these revenues must continue; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Pierce County all believe the 2000 Washington Legislature must address the local government funding problems created by passage of the initiative; and

WHEREAS, the cities of Pierce County all believe the revenue lost to public health agencies, sales tax equalization and public safety/criminal justice are equally important, NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:

That all the cities in Pierce County respectfully urge the 2000 Washington Legislature to provide sufficient short term funding to cities and counties to replace the public health, sales tax equalization and public safety/criminal justice funds lost as a result of the passage of Initiative 695 and to begin the process of identifying stable long-term funding mechanisms to assure that local governments can continue to provide essential public services.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR
this 24th day of January, 2000.

APPROVED:

GRETCHEN A. WILBERT, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

MOLLY M. TOWSLEE, CITY CLERK

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