

**RESOLUTION NO. 1102**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, TAKING A POSITION OF OPPOSITION TO PROVISIONS OF THE DRAFT MULTILATERAL AGREEMENT ON INVESTMENT OR SIMILAR INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS THAT COULD RESTRICT THE CITY'S ABILITY TO REGULATE WITHIN ITS OWN JURISDICTION, TO DECIDE HOW TO SPEND ITS PROCUREMENT FUNDS, AND TO SUPPORT LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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WHEREAS, the United States Government has been negotiating a Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) through the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD); and

WHEREAS, the MAI, as currently drafted, would grant international investors special rights outside the normal legal frameworks of participating countries; and

WHEREAS, the MAI, if adopted in its current form, could create a dispute resolution mechanism for investors against governments that is external to the United States Federal Court system; and

WHEREAS, the Western Governors' Association passed a resolution objecting to the provisions of the MAI, following review of their report titled, "Multilateral Agreement on Investments: Potential Effects on State and Local Government" that identifies potential impacts, such as: limiting policies that favor local businesses, investment incentives, performance requirements, land use, and environmental regulations; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties passed a resolution that: "...urges the Administration not to agree to any provisions in the MAI draft text or similar provisions of any international agreement that would preempt local governments' authority or ability to regulate activities within its jurisdiction"; and

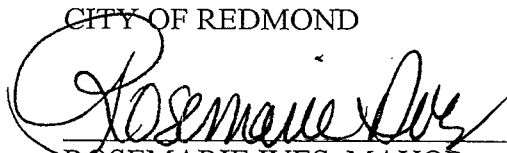
WHEREAS, the expropriation provisions of the MAI uses broad international law definitions to define "expropriation", and applies to any act where a government authority denies a person or corporation of some benefit of property; and

WHEREAS, the draft text of the MAI contains no public policy exception to the requirements to pay compensation even in an action to protect public health and environmental quality, now, therefore,


THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Redmond takes an official position in opposition to the Multilateral Agreement on Investment in its current draft form, especially provisions which undermine local governments' authority to pass laws regarding environmental protection, fair labor practices and local economic development; and further expresses its concerns with the MAI to the Washington State Congressional delegation and respectfully requests to be advised and considered in further deliberation or action regarding the MAI.

RESOLVED this 19th day of October 1999.

CITY OF REDMOND  
  
ROSEMARIE IVES, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
BONNIE MATTSON, CITY CLERK

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: October 13, 1999  
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: October 19, 1999  
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