

RESOLUTION NO. 824

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON,  
ESTABLISHING ITS LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM FOR  
THE 1990 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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WHEREAS, the purpose of city government is to provide the range and level of service desired by its citizens in the most efficient and effective manner possible; and

WHEREAS, cities in Washington are subject to state legislative action; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond believes that local government can be the most effective level of government if given the opportunity and should be given the authority to make decisions which are primarily local in nature; and

WHEREAS, favorable consideration by the Washington State Legislature of the issues identified in the Legislative Agenda for 1990 will enable the City to more effectively serve its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond wishes to communicate its legislative priorities to members of the Washington State Legislature; now, therefore,

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

Section 1. The City of Redmond's Legislative Agenda for 1990, a copy of which is attached to this Resolution as Appendix A, is hereby adopted.

Section 2. The Legislative Agenda for 1990 shall be conveyed to the appropriate members of the Washington State Legislature and shall form the basis for City of Redmond communications with state legislators during the 1990 legislative session.

RESOLVED this 6th day of February 1990.

APPROVED:

  
MAYOR, DOREEN MARCHIONE

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
CITY CLERK, DORIS A. SCHAIBLE

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: Feb. 1, 1990  
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: Feb. 6, 1990  
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Appendix A

CITY OF REDMOND  
LEGISLATIVE AGENDA  
1990

GENERAL POLICY

As a general policy, the City of Redmond will support legislation which enhances its ability to deliver services to its residents and will oppose legislation which mandates increased local costs or which results in a diminution of local authority over local affairs.

A. PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Water Quality

- a. Monitor legislation designed to implement the updated Puget Sound Water Quality Authority management plan for Puget Sound. Support legislation which provides local government with additional authority to deal with water quality issues.
- b. Monitor legislation which allocates resources to local government for water quality purposes and support legislation which recognizes the value of environmentally sensitive areas and which provides funding to enhance/improve Puget Sound water quality.

2. Transportation

- a. Support a transportation funding package of state gas tax increases and local option taxes which will produce revenue sufficient to meet the identified needs of state and local government. The package should be designed to accommodate both state and local needs and should include an allocation system which will, to the extent feasible, (1) recognize the impact of growth and (2) return both state collected, locally shared revenues and local option revenues to the point of origin.
- b. Support legislation designed to provide incentives for use of public transit and ridesharing. Oppose legislation which will reduce revenues currently earmarked for public transit purposes.

- c. Support enabling legislation which allows local government the necessary authority to establish a street utility at the option of the local legislative authority and to provide for continued local control over its ongoing operations.
- d. Monitor legislation relating to the recently enacted authority to create Transportation Benefit Districts.
- e. Monitor legislation relating to the Local Transportation Act of 1988 which allows the imposition of transportation impact fees.
- f. Monitor the Washington State Department of Transportation supplemental budget proposal and support the inclusion of funds needed for improvement to SR-520, accelerate implementation of adopted plans for High Occupancy Vehicle lanes in the I-405 corridor, and improvements to I-405.

### 3. Water Resources/Supply

- a. Monitor legislation recommended by the Joint Select Committee on Water Resources. Support legislation which provides for an equitable balance between competing demands on water resources, including a balance between in-stream and out-of-stream benefits.
- b. Support legislation which will enable local governments to improve planning, management, and conservation of water resources for municipal purposes and which recognizes and gives priority to regional planning efforts.

### 4. Solid Waste

Monitor legislation relating to solid waste management, especially the recently enacted Waste Not Washington Act of 1989 (Ch 431, Laws of 1989). Be especially cognizant of efforts to reduce or eliminate city authority over solid waste management, including waste stream control and recycling. Support legislation which clarifies the relationship between franchise haulers and the City in newly-annexed areas.

### 5. Hazardous Materials

Monitor legislation relating to hazardous materials, especially as relating to regulation of siting of disposal/storage facilities and handling of materials. Oppose any effort to weaken the recently enacted "Superfund" legislation.

6. Local Improvement Districts (LID)

Monitor legislation to revise and improve existing procedural requirements on the formation of LID's. Oppose legislation which reduces the City's authority to form LID's.

7. Park and Open Space

Monitor legislation related to park/open space programs and support legislation to secure long-term funding for acquisition and development of open space and parks through the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation.

B. FINANCE

1. Tax Reform

Monitor proposals to revise the state tax system, especially as such proposals might impact city authority, tax base, or the distribution of revenue at the local level. Support legislation which acknowledges the differences among and between cities and which provides additional financial flexibility at the discretion of the city legislative body. Support legislation and/or the allocation of state resources which will enable local governments to deal with mandated costs, especially as related to emerging law and justice issues.

2. Pension Funding

Support legislation to maintain the integrity of the public retirement system and which would require the state to meet its obligations for actuarial accountable funding of the system.

3. Sales Tax Distribution

Support legislation which would require monthly distribution of the locally authorized sales tax.

4. Property Tax Distribution

Monitor legislation regarding timely distribution of property tax revenues and earned interest to cities by county government. Oppose any attempt to legislatively overturn recent court decisions regarding the distribution of city property tax revenue and the interest generated by such revenue.

5. Support the necessary state legislation which would allow imposition of the state and local sales tax on interstate mail order sales.

6. Support legislation to change the councilmanic debt limitation from the .075% of assessed value currently authorized by state statute to the 1.5% authorized by the state constitution.

C. ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING, ENERGY, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Growth Management

Work with the Governors Growth Commission and the Legislature on growth management issues and provide support to proposals which would provide cities/regions additional authority/resources with which to address growth issues.

2. Land Use Control

Support legislation which would specifically recognize that local governments have the preeminent authority to control land use.

3. Support legislation which would initiate a study of the relationship between the comprehensive land use plans and zoning regulations. Such study could be accomplished by the Governor's Growth Commission.

4. Continue to support legislation to reform annexation/boundary adjustment procedures. Also, support legislation which would expedite the transfer of property tax revenues from county to city government in newly-annexed areas.

5. Support legislation which strengthens state planning laws and systems to provide both the structure and incentives for local governments to work together to address planning issues that are currently beyond the power of local jurisdictions to resolve.

Legislation should:

a) Articulate statewide planning goals to be addressed by every jurisdiction, to provide clear direction on the kind of future we will work toward at all levels of government.

b) Delineate local, regional and state planning responsibilities, and provide strong direction on issues of statewide significance.

c) Include the following goals in the statewide planning mandate:

o **Environmental protection.** Protection of air and water quality, sensitive natural features, and fish and

wildlife habitat should be a strong state planning mandate.

o **Affordable housing.** Each jurisdiction must be responsible for working with others in the region to provide adequate housing opportunities for low and moderate income families.

o **Concurrency.** State law should establish that development can be permitted only when the necessary public facilities and services are in place.

o **Consistency.** Regulations, zoning codes and capital improvement programs should be consistent with local comprehensive plans and state goals, and the plans of neighboring jurisdictions should be mutually consistent.

o **Transportation.** Local and state transportation plans and funding programs should emphasize high capacity and high occupancy vehicle facilities as equal to or greater in importance than roads and highways.

o **Efficient urban development patterns.** Growth should be located in and near existing urban areas, in compact patterns that allow for efficient public services and transit.

o **Economic Development.** Economic growth should be encouraged in communities throughout the state, to better distribute the benefits and impacts of growth.

d) Include new implementation tools and incentives to enable us to effectively address planning issues. Some of the needed measures are listed below.

o **Regional Planning Authority.** Most of the planning issues in the Puget Sound area cross jurisdictional boundaries, and not all can be resolved on a consensus basis. To implement state planning goals (as recommended above), there must be a regional agency with conflict resolution authority. The agency should be empowered to review local plans for consistency with state goals, and for mutual consistency. When inconsistencies are identified, local jurisdictions should be required to resolve them within a specified time frame, or the regional agency should make the decision.

o **Incentives for Compliance.** Incentive should be stressed over requirements, though both are needed. Some key incentives:

Fund implementation of new laws;  
Reduce the number of utility districts,  
especially in future incorporated areas;

Provide funding to address past growth impacts;  
Provide the ability to form binding interlocal  
agreements.

o **Reduce incentives for fiscal zoning.** Local revenue tools should be examined to ensure taxes don't encourage poor regional planning decisions, such as encouraging retail zoning instead of zoning for manufacturing or low cost housing.

6. Public/Private Partnership

Support legislation authorizing submission of a constitutional amendment of the "public purpose" clause to the voters. Specifically, such proposal would amend Article VIII. Sections 5 and 7 and would allow the Legislature to define "public purpose."

7. Air Quality

Monitor legislation relating to air quality program. Support legislation which would strengthen local government authority to enforce local programs to improve air quality.

8. Wetlands

Support legislation to create a statewide wetlands management program designed to preserve and enhance wetlands. The program should be based upon a state wide minimum standard and should provide local flexibility to exceed those standards to address local circumstances/priorities.

9. Housing

Support legislation which would allow local governments to require provision of low income housing units, through required construction or fee payments, as a condition of permit approval for new development. Support other mechanisms to encourage development of low-cost housing such as current use valuation. Support full funding authority for the State Housing Finance Commission.

D. PERSONNEL AND LABOR RELATIONS

1. Oppose legislation to mandate that local governments provide medical insurance for retired employees.
2. Oppose legislation which would broaden the existing definitions of "presumptive disease."



3. Support legislation which would clarify the inconsistencies between civil service and collective bargaining requirements.

E. LAW AND THE COURTS

1. Support legislation which would provide local governments with additional resources with which to address local law and justice efforts, especially those which are mandated by state law. Support increased state support for construction of needed adult and juvenile detention facilities.
2. Monitor legislation relating to court reform. Oppose legislative efforts to eliminate local authority to establish municipal courts and/or to change the manner in which court fines and forfeitures are distributed.
3. Oppose legislation which would preempt the authority of local law enforcement agencies to operate juvenile diversion programs.
4. Support legislation establishing a local option for local law enforcement agencies to destroy unclaimed and/or court-forfeited firearms.
5. Support legislation revising the current juvenile disposition standards to provide for stronger sanctions for chronic, misdemeanor behavior for juvenile offenders and to permit the court greater discretion to impose detention or some form of secure treatment in cases of juvenile offenders who have prior criminal history.

F. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. Governance

- a) Monitor legislation which would require reorganization of the current structure of the METRO Council. Support legislation which would: (1) reduce the size of the METRO Council; and (2) provide for proportional representation on the METRO Council between the City of Seattle, unincorporated King County, and incorporated suburban cities.
- b) Monitor any legislative initiatives which result from the 1987 report of the Local Governance Study Commission, especially legislation to implement the Local Government Service Agreement and the Citizen Review Process.

2. Health Services Funding

Monitor legislation which relates to the funding of local health services and support efforts to provide a more equitable method of funding such services.

3. Insurance/Tort Reform

Monitor legislation relating to insurance and tort reform and oppose legislative efforts to modify the tort reforms made during the 1986 legislative session. Support legislation to minimize transactional costs and to improve the efficiency of loss settlement actions.

4. Procurement

Monitor legislation related to local procurement priorities and oppose efforts to mandate a specific state-wide procurement code for use at the local level.

5. Building Codes

Oppose legislation which would allow a reduction in the requirements of existing building code as established through the State Building Code Act.

6. Confidential/Proprietary Information

Support legislation to protect confidential or proprietary information supplied by persons or entities doing business with governments and enable governments to protect proprietary information it develops from exploitation by private persons or entities.

G. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Monitor legislation related to funding of health and human service programs. Support a 5% local option county-wide alcohol tax to provide housing and treatment programs for chronic alcoholics. Support additional funding for the Housing Trust Fund to meet the growing housing needs of special needs populations. Urge the Legislature to consider the identification of additional revenue to address youth issues and to also consider the following priorities of the Human Services Roundtable during the supplemental budget process:

- a) housing
- b) child care
- c) family violence
- d) employment
- e) health care

In addition, monitor the supplemental budget request of the Department of Social and Health Services. Specifically, support budget provision to enhance the Department's ability to enforce its day care licensing requirements and to improve its support services programs for day care providers.

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