

BALLOT RESOLUTION 1444

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ENUMCLAW, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON REQUESTING KING COUNTY PLACE ON THE APRIL 17, 2012 BALLOT THE QUESTION OF ANNEXATION TO THE KING COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Whereas, the City of Enumclaw ("City") has for many decades provided library services to its citizens; and

Whereas, due to financial constraints the City is no longer able to provide sufficient funding to operate a municipal library; and

Whereas, the continuation of library services is of great importance because of the educational and societal benefits that accrue to city residents; and

Whereas, in the interest of preserving and continuing local library services, the City finds it necessary to put forth to voters the question of annexation; and

Whereas, the King County Library System ("KCLS") has since 1942 been providing library services to County residents and to the many cities who have over the years annexed into it; and

Whereas, the City passed Ordinance 2504 expressing interest in annexation to KCLS; and

Whereas, KCLS will hold a special meeting to pass a resolution accepting annexation; and

Whereas, if the voters of the City approve the annexation measure, KCLS will become the sole provider of library services; and

Whereas, KCLS is a unique and separate governmental entity and taxing district under the laws of the State of Washington; and

Whereas, beginning in 2013 KCLS will assess on city residents a property tax amount not to exceed fifty (50) cents per thousand assessed valuation; and

Whereas, annexation to KCLS will not bind city residents to any bonded indebtedness that may exist at time of annexation; and

Whereas, the City may or may not affect its levy rate as a result of annexation and it may or may not reduce the property tax levy in an attempt to neutralize the property tax incident placed on property tax payers; and

Whereas, the City requests King County Council take the necessary legislative action to place the question of annexation on the April 17, 2012 ballot.

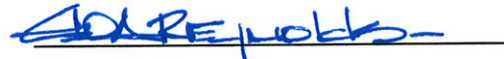
Now, therefore, the City Council of the City of Enumclaw, King County, Washington does hereby resolve as follows:

Section 1: A copy of this resolution and any other necessary materials shall be timely submitted to King County as notice of the City's desire to pursue annexation to KCLS.

Section 2: The City Council respectfully requests that the King County Council take the necessary legislative action to pass an ordinance for the purpose of placing on the April 17, 2012 ballot the question of annexation to KCLS.

Section 3: If any provision of this resolution, and or attached, is determined to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions of this resolution and/or the attached shall remain in full force and effect.

PASSED IN REGULAR AND OPEN SESSION this 13th day of February, 2012.



Mayor Liz Reynolds

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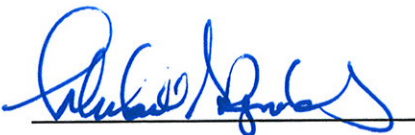
Attested:



Meredith Shirey

City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Michael J. Reynolds

City Attorney