

44th Legislative District Democrats

Resolution opposing Initiative 1033

Whereas Government services at all levels within Washington State are currently experiencing unprecedented budget cuts.

Whereas these budget reductions are having meaningful impacts on the quality of life for Washington's citizens on a daily basis, including funding cutbacks for K-12 Student Achievement Programs, Higher Education, and elimination of mental health services for 40,000 patients.

Whereas Initiative 1033 would have the effect of making these historic cuts effectively permanent, denying all levels of Government any increase in revenue beyond inflation and population growth even as the local economy returns to previous levels.

Whereas Initiative 1033 would not reduce the sales taxes or other fees paid in Washington State, but would instead use revenues collected above current levels to reduce property taxes - thus using taxes paid by all to benefit owners of high value property the most.

Whereas future increases in available revenue would be limited by the national inflation rate, thus making no provision for the rate of inflation within Washington State.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 44th LD Democrats endorse the No on Initiative 1033 campaign, and would urge all Democrats to vote against I-1033 on the upcoming November 2009 ballot.

Be it further resolved that this resolution shall be forwarded to the Snohomish County and Washington State Democrats, and the No on 1033 Campaign.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2009