

RESOLUTION NO. 1622

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FIFE, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE VI OF THE CHARTER OF THE GREATER TACOMA REGIONAL CONVENTION CENTER PUBLIC FACILITIES DISTRICT TO ELIMINATE THE FIRST CLAUSE OF ARTICLE VI, SECTION 2

WHEREAS, the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District ("PFD") was formed in 1999 by the cities of Fife, Lakewood, Tacoma, and University Place (and later joined by Pierce County) to facilitate the construction and operations of the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center ("GTCTC"), and

WHEREAS, the governance of the PFD is subject to a Charter approved by the legislative bodies of the participating jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, the PFD has authority, for a period of 20 years from the date of establishment of the GTCTC, to collect a .033 percent sales and use tax to be used toward payment of long-term debt of the GTCTC, which tax will expire in 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Association of Washington State Public Facilities Districts ("Association") is a voluntary association formed in 2011 to support and enhance the exchange of information, delivery of services, and other matters that serve the interest of its member Public Facility Districts, including the PFD, and

WHEREAS, one of the goals of the Association is to work toward extending the .033 percent sales and use tax beyond the current 20-year timeframe, and

WHEREAS, the PFD Charter precludes any activities which might attempt to influence legislation, and must be amended in order for the PFD to fully participate in the initiatives of the Association, and

WHEREAS, the PFD Board of Directors ("Board") recommends that each participating jurisdiction, to include the cities of Tacoma, University Place, Fife, and Lakewood; and Pierce County, approve legislation authorizing the elimination of the first clause of Article VI, Section 2, of the Charter, which states in whole:

No part of the activities of the District shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; and the District shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for office;

And

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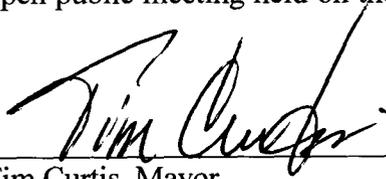
WHEREAS, the amended Article VI, Section 2 would read as follows:

The District shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for office

WHEREAS, eliminating the first clause would enable the PFD to actively participate with the Association and more effectively advocate on behalf of the GTCTC; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby approves an amendment to the Charter of the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District to eliminate the first clause of Article VI, Section 2.

ADOPTED by the City Council at an open public meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

  
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Tim Curtis, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Carol Etgen, City Clerk