

**RESOLUTION NO. 877**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR PIERCE COUNTY PROPOSITION 1, A TAX MEASURE CALLED "SOUTH SOUND 911" AIMED AT INCREASING THE PIERCE COUNTY SALES TAX 1/10<sup>TH</sup> OF 1% TO FUND AN UPGRADE OF THE PIERCE COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.**

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WHEREAS, a strong emergency communication system improves safety for every resident and first responder in Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, communication interoperability is crucial to the effective and efficient operations of all first responders; and

WHEREAS, the creation of an upgraded emergency communications system will allow all law enforcement and fire to communicate effectively during large scale critical incidents; and

WHEREAS, the creation of an upgraded emergency communications system will aid agencies in complying with Federal Communications Commission requirements that reduce the operating bandwidth for first responders nationwide by January 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the creation of an upgraded emergency communications system will assist in improving response times, accommodate increasing call volumes as the population grows and more effectively interface with modern communications technology allowing the distribution of text messages, photo and video from witnesses; and

WHEREAS, passage of Pierce County Proposition 1 on the November 2011 ballot would provide funds to upgrade the emergency communications system; and;

WHEREAS, at its meeting of October 10, 2011, the Gig Harbor City Council took public testimony on the subject ballot measure, allowing an equal opportunity for the expression of viewpoints supporting and opposing this measure; and

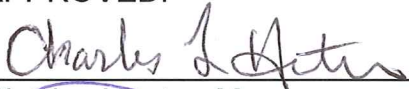
WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 42.17.130, and after consideration of all public testimony, the City Council desires to formally express a collective position supporting the subject proposition; now, therefore,

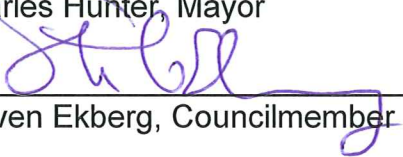
**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR, WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:**

The Gig Harbor City Council strongly supports the passage of the November 8, 2011 Pierce County Proposition 1, the "South Sound 911" tax measure aimed at increasing the Pierce County sale tax by 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% to fund a upgraded county-wide emergency communication system.

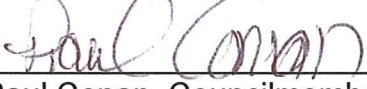
**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GIG HARBOR  
this 10th day of October , 2011.**

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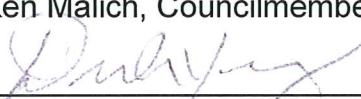
  
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Tim Payne, Councilmember

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
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MOLLY M. TOWSLEE, CITY CLERK

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:  
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:  
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