



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

Res 31623

Record No.: Res 31623

Type: Resolution (Res)

Status: Adopted

Version: 1

In Control: City Clerk

File Created: 10/12/2015

Final Action: 10/30/2015

**Title:** A RESOLUTION opposing Washington Initiative Measure 1366 and urging Seattle voters to vote "no" on Initiative 1366 on the November 3, 2015 general election ballot.

<b>Notes:</b>	<b>Filed with City Clerk:</b>	<u>Date</u> 10/30/2015
	<b>Mayor's Signature:</b>	10/23/2015
<b>Sponsors:</b> Burgess	<b>Vetoed by Mayor:</b>	
	<b>Veto Overridden:</b>	
	<b>Veto Sustained:</b>	

**Attachments:**

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Filing Requirements/Dept Action:

**History of Legislative File**

Legal Notice Published:  Yes  No

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	10/12/2015	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	<b>Action Text:</b>		The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office				
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	Council President's Office	10/12/2015	sent for review	Full Council			
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Full Council					
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	Full Council	10/12/2015	referred	Full Council			
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Full Council					
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	Full Council	10/19/2015	adopted				Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:					
	<b>Notes:</b>	Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution No. 31623.					

Councilmembers spoke in support of Resolution No. 31623.

In accordance with Revised Code of Washington 42.17A.555 and Seattle Municipal Code 2.04.300, Council President Burgess provided the public an opportunity to speak in favor of or opposition to the ballot measure.

Paula Revere addressed the Council in support of Resolution No. 31623.

Paul W. Locke addressed the Council in opposition to Resolution No. 31623.

Good Space Guy addressed the Council in opposition to Resolution No. 31623.

Sara Kiesler addressed the Council in support of Resolution No. 31623.

LaCrese Green addressed the Council in opposition to Resolution No. 31623.

Public Comment on Resolution No. 31623 was closed.

In Favor: 9 Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Burgess, Councilmember Godden, Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Okamoto, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

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| 1 | City Clerk          | 10/20/2015   | submitted for<br>Mayor's signature | Mayor      |
|   | <b>Action Text:</b> | The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor |                                    |            |
|   | <b>Notes:</b>       |  |                                    |            |
| 1 | Mayor               | 10/23/2015   | Signed                             |            |
|   | <b>Action Text:</b> | The Resolution (Res) was Signed.                                       |                                    |            |
|   | <b>Notes:</b>       |  |                                    |            |
| 1 | Mayor               | 10/30/2015   | returned                           | City Clerk |
|   | <b>Action Text:</b> | The Resolution (Res) was returned. to the City Clerk                   |                                    |            |
|   | <b>Notes:</b>       |  |                                    |            |
| 1 | City Clerk          | 10/30/2015   | attested by City<br>Clerk          |            |
|   | <b>Action Text:</b> | The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.                       |                                    |            |
|   | <b>Notes:</b>       |  |                                    |            |
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CITY OF SEATTLE  
RESOLUTION 31623

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5 A RESOLUTION opposing Washington Initiative Measure 1366 and urging Seattle voters to  
6 vote “no” on Initiative 1366 on the November 3, 2015 general election ballot.

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8 WHEREAS, I-1366 would eliminate eight billion dollars from the State of Washington

9 Operating Budget over the next six years which would cause drastic cuts to vital public  
10 services, including schools, colleges, and other programs families in Seattle depend on by  
11 decreasing the state sales tax, unless, by April 2016, the Washington State Legislature  
12 approves a constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds vote to raise revenue or  
13 recover revenue for the state treasury; and

14 WHEREAS, I-1366 is being falsely promoted by Tim Eyman as a constitutional amendment to  
15 reinstate the unconstitutional supermajority requirement that was struck down by the  
16 Washington Supreme Court in 2013 in *League of Education Voters v. State of*  
17 *Washington*, when in fact it is an initiative to the people attempting to coerce state  
18 lawmakers into agreeing to submit an amendment to the people that would overturn the  
19 Court’s decision by holding school funding hostage; and

20 WHEREAS, the undemocratic modification of the Washington Constitution to require two-thirds  
21 votes to raise and recover revenue would result in serious long-term damage to  
22 Washington’s communities; and

23 WHEREAS, Washington’s founders understood that democracy requires majority rules with  
24 minority rights and, after much debate and deliberation, wrote a Constitution requiring  
25 that bills pass by a majority vote, understood to mean greater than 50 percent – no more  
26 and no less; and

1 WHEREAS, allowing tax exemptions to be created by a majority vote, but repealed only with a  
2 vote of two-thirds or greater, represents an unfair double standard that would make it  
3 nearly impossible to reform Washington's outdated and regressive tax system; and

4 WHEREAS, the Washington Supreme Court's 2012 decision in *McCleary v. State* found that  
5 Washington abrogates Article IX of the Washington Constitution when it fails to provide  
6 for the ample education of all children residing within Washington's borders; and

7 WHEREAS, whichever decision the state legislature makes in response to I-1366 would make it  
8 extremely difficult to comply with *McCleary* and fulfill the paramount duty to educate  
9 Washington's youth; and

10 WHEREAS, after notice in accordance with RCW 42.17A.555 and Seattle Municipal Code  
11 Section 2.04.300, persons in favor of I 1-1366 and those opposed to it have been given an  
12 equal opportunity to share their views in an open public meeting, NOW, THEREFORE,

13 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT,**  
14 **THE MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

15 Section 1. The City Council declares its opposition to Initiative 1366 and urges Seattle  
16 voters to oppose Initiative 1366 in the November 3, 2015 general election.

17 Section 2. The City Council encourages citizens who support Washington's founding  
18 values to join the coalition of elected officials, labor organizations, and social justice groups  
19 across Washington State opposing I-1366.



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**STATE OF WASHINGTON -- KING COUNTY**

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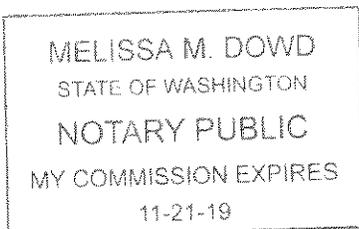
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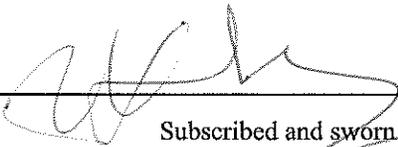
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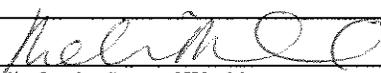
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