SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

Res 31703

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Title: A RESOLUTION supporting Washington Initiative Measure 1433 and urging Seattle voters to vote "Yes" on Initiative 1433 on the November 8, 2016 general election ballot.

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Mayor's Signature:	9/16/2016
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1	Mayor	08/30/2016	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			
1	City Clerk	08/30/2016	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	09/01/2016	sent for review	Full Council			
	Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Full Council						
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	09/06/2016	referred	Full Council			
1	Full Council	09/12/2016	adopted				Pass
	Action Text: The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:						
	Notes:						

PUBLIC COMMENT ON RESOLUTION 31703

In accordance with Revised Code of Washington 42.17A.555, and Seattle Municipal Code 2.04.300, Council President Harrell provided the public an opportunity to speak in favor of or in opposition to Resolution 31703.

Ruth McRee addressed the Council in opposition of Resolution 31703.

Public Comment on Resolution 31703 was closed.

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31703.

In Favor: 9 Councilmember Bagshaw, Councilmember Burgess, Councilmember González , Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Juarez, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

1	City Clerk	09/14/2016	submitted for Mayor's signature	Mayor
1	Mayor	09/16/2016	Signed	
	Action Text:	The Resolution (Res) was Signed.		
	Notes:			
1	Mayor	09/16/2016	returned	City Clerk
	Action Text:	The Resolution (Res) was returned. to the City Clerk		
	Notes:			
1	City Clerk	09/16/2016	attested by City Clerk	
	Action Text:	The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.		
	Notes:			

CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 31703

A RESOLUTION supporting Washington Initiative Measure 1433 and urging Seattle voters to vote "Yes" on Initiative 1433 on the November 8, 2016 general election ballot.

WHEREAS, no one should have to choose between staying home to take care of themselves or a sick child or losing a paycheck; and

WHEREAS, ensuring all Washington workers have the ability to earn paid sick leave makes Seattle's families healthier and its communities safer from dangerous and deadly disease outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 1433 is projected to give more than 1 million workers the opportunity to earn paid sick and safe leave; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the City of Seattle passed into law Ordinance 123698, which established minimum standards for the provision of paid sick and safe time; and

WHEREAS, the current Washington state minimum wage of $9.47 per hour makes it difficult to cover basic necessities like rent and groceries in any Washington county; and

WHEREAS, Initiative 1433 will raise the minimum wage to $13.50 per hour and is projected to add $600 to the pockets of more than 730,000 minimum wage workers in Washington every month, and when individuals and families earn more money, they have more money to spend, which boosts local economies, creates new good-paying jobs, and helps communities thrive; and

WHEREAS, raising the minimum wage for more than 730,000 Washington workers is projected to add nearly $2.5 billion to the state's economy every year; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, states that raised their minimum wages in 2014 saw faster job growth than states that left their wages stagnant, implying that Washington's economy will be boosted by Initiative 1433; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the City of Seattle passed into law Ordinance 124490, which established and phased-in higher wage and minimum compensation rates; and

WHEREAS, workers who are paid better and allowed to earn paid sick leave are happier, more productive, and less likely to leave their jobs, which saves businesses money through greater efficiency, less turnover, and decreased training and retention costs; and

WHEREAS, paid safe leave is critical for domestic violence survivors who need to be able to take care of themselves and their families, find a secure living situation, and go to court to take out a protection order without losing pay, and economic independence is one of the best predictors of whether someone is able to get out of an abusive relationship, as abusers often use finances to keep their victims from leaving; and

WHEREAS, the coalition of workers, community organizations, unions, faith leaders, and business owners who are working to pass Initiative 1433 collected more than 345,000 valid signatures of Washington voters in order to qualify Initiative 1433 for the November 8, 2016 ballot; and

WHEREAS, after notice in accordance with RCW 42.17A.555 and Seattle Municipal Code Section 2.04.300, persons in favor of Initiative 1433 and those opposed to it have been given an equal opportunity to share their views in an open public meeting, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The Mayor and the City Council support gradually raising the minimum wage in the State of Washington to $13.50 and to allow every worker the opportunity to earn paid sick and safe leave.

Section 2. The Mayor and City Council urge Seattle voters to vote "Yes" on Initiative 1433 in the November 8, 2016 general election.

Adopted by the City Council the 12th day of September, 2016, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 12th day of September, 2016.

President _____ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the 16th day of September, 2016.

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 16th day of September, 2016.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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