

**RESOLUTION NO. R-20-1486**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING OPPOSITION FOR KING COUNTY CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSITION NO. 6 ENTITLED “STRUCTURE AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY” WHICH WILL BE VOTED ON BY VOTERS AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION.**

WHEREAS, RCW 42.17A.555 generally prohibits an elective official from using any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced prohibition does not apply to action taken at an open public meeting by members of an elected legislative body to express a collective decision, or to actually vote upon a resolution to support or oppose a ballot proposition, so long as certain conditions are met; and

WHEREAS, one such condition is that any required notice of the meeting must include the title and number of the ballot proposition; and

WHEREAS, another such condition is that members of the legislative body and members of the public must be afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view; and

WHEREAS, notice of the September 28, 2020 regular meeting complied with the first condition; and

WHEREAS, the public hearing held during the regular meeting on September 28, 2020 was conducted in such a manner as to provide an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of opposing views, thereby complying with the second condition; and

WHEREAS, a “yes” vote would support giving the county council the authority to specify the duties of the sheriff, rather than current charter law which provides that the duties of the sheriff are provided through state law, and a “no” vote opposes giving the county council the authority to specify the duties of the sheriff, thereby maintaining that the duties of the sheriff are provided through state law; and

WHEREAS, Proposition No. 6 reads as follows:

Shall the King County charter be amended so that the duties of the county sheriff and the structure and duties of the department of public safety are established by county ordinance and the county executive is responsible for bargaining working conditions with the department of public safety’s representative employees?

NOW THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON,  
HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The city council of the City of Maple Valley hereby  
OPPOSES King County Charter Amendment Proposition No. 6 entitled  
“Structure and Duties of the Department of Public Safety.”

RESOLVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY

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MAYOR, SEAN P. KELLY

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK, SHAUNNA LEE-RICE

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: SEPTEMBER 28, 2020  
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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