

RESOLUTION NO. 06-400

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO KING COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1'S MAY 16, 2006 SPECIAL ELECTION ON PROPOSITION NO. 1 - VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER ANNEXATION

WHEREAS, at the present time, only a portion of the City of Black Diamond is located within the boundaries of King County Public Hospital District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, King County Hospital District No.1 is seeking to annex the remainder of the City of Black Diamond, as well as a significant portion of unincorporated King County and the City of Maple Valley into King County Hospital District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, under Public Hospital District No.1 Hospital Commission Resolution number 830, an emergency was declared and a special election was set for May 16, 2006 to annex this area of SE King County into King County Hospital District No. 1; and

WHEREAS, there are concerns over the lack of a Voters Pamphlet for this Special Election ballot item, as well as the decision of Public Hospital District No. 1 to call for a Special Election at the earliest legal opportunity resulting in only a short time to inform the public regarding the potential costs, benefits or alternatives to joining Public Hospital District No.1; and

WHEREAS, it is projected that if the proposed annexation were approved, approximately \$265,378 in property tax revenue would be collected from Black Diamond taxpayers in the initial year, assuming a levy rate of \$ 0.59 for each \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation and a City valuation of \$449,793,888 (Current Assessed Valuation); and

WHEREAS, it is not clear from any of the information provided in Public Hospital District No.1 Hospital Commission Resolution number 830 that the proposed annexation of the City of Black Diamond into the Hospital District and the resulting property tax funding from Black Diamond taxpayers would result in any increase in the availability of local medical services for Black Diamond citizens; and

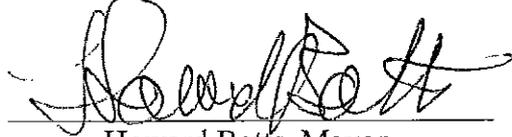
WHEREAS, if the remainder of the City of Black Diamond were annexed into Public Hospital District No.1 at this time, it may dissuade other health care facilities from opening in the City as the City's population grows in coming years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, RCW 42.17.130, the City Council of Black Diamond desires to show its opposition to this proposed annexation;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND, KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby opposes Proposition No.1 - Valley Medical Center Annexation, as is set for a Special Election on May 16, 2006. Said Proposition No. 1 seeks to annex the Greater Maple Valley / Black Diamond area as described in Resolution No. 830 as adopted by the Commissioners of King County Public Hospital District No.1.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 20 TH DAY OF APRIL, 2006.


Howard Botts, Mayor

ATTEST:


Cris Kandior, City Clerk