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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, requesting the Governor and the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services requesting review of funding and impacts regarding Western State Hospital

WHEREAS, The City of Lakewood is the jurisdiction which Western State Hospital is located; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Lakewood are disproportionately impacted by the needs of citizens with mental illness; and,

WHEREAS, DSHS-Mental Health Division has announced plans to revise the funds allocation formula provided under RCW 71.24.035(13(a) and (b) which has been used since 1989; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed method of distribution has not been demonstrated to: (1) insure that state funding will follow patient need or (2) recognize the disproportionate fiscal impacts to the City of Lakewood; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed funding allocations adjustments threaten community mental health service delivery in Lakewood, risks the safety of our community, and risks losing needed community care for the mentally ill.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON HEREBY RESOLVES, as follows:

Section 1. That the Governor of the State of Washington and the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services are requested:

(a) To demonstrate that the funding allocation methodology is sufficiently sophisticated and sensitive to insure that funding follows patient needs.

(b) To rigorously study and take into consideration the direct impact of the proposed allocation methodology on the people served.

(c) To insure a process of implementing the allocation methodology that does not threaten programs that are functioning and meeting the needs of the citizens.

(d) To designate resources that can be used to mitigate the disproportionate impacts.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 2nd day of April, 2001.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Bill Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Bush, CMC/AE, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney

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