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A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, expressing support for a collaborative process in planning and decision making in the area of parks and recreation among the City of Lakewood and other Pierce County jurisdictions providing park and recreation services

WHEREAS, the citizens of Lakewood desire opportunities for access to quality Parks & Recreation facilities and rate Parks and Recreation among the top priorities for municipal funding; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Lakewood have expressed through the recent election that they do not want to see any reduction in the level of services provided and in fact support improvements to such services; and

WHEREAS, Lakewood citizens and policy makers share a belief in the importance of viewing and addressing Parks and Recreation within all of Pierce County as a holistic system, interrelated and interdependent, rather than simply as individual jurisdictional parts; and

WHEREAS, the voters expect and deserve accountability and efficiency in the provision of Parks and Recreation services; and

WHEREAS, the state has projected the growth in population for Pierce County over the next 17 years as exceeding 30%, which said growth in population will impose increased usage and demand on an already strained Parks system; and

WHEREAS, to meet the additional capital facility and operational service needs of the population growth will require increased efficiency in the provision of services, better coordination in the planning of new facilities and stronger communication among the providers of Parks and Recreation, in addition to new funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the 1999 Washington State Legislature authorized the placement, on a Pierce County ballot, of a measure for a sales and use tax to be collected throughout Pierce County for the purposes of "providing funds for costs associated with financing, design, acquisition, construction, equipping, operating, maintaining, remodeling, repairing, re-equipping, or improvement of zoo, aquarium, and wildlife preservation and display facilities that are currently accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association," and for a portion of the revenues to cover costs related to parks located within a county subject to the Act; and

WHEREAS, a proposition was placed before the voters of Pierce County to consider authorizing a sales and use tax for regional and local parks, community-based housing, and accredited zoo, aquarium, and wildlife preserves, which said proposition was approved by the voters; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all the citizens of Pierce County and each of its jurisdictions that the new sales tax revenue is spent wisely and in consideration of public needs throughout Pierce County; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the various jurisdictions of Pierce County use the parks and recreational facilities of other jurisdictions in order to enjoy a variety of recreational and outdoor experience; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the preference of its residents for the greatest possible variety and quality of recreational experience, the Lakewood City Council believes that the Parks and Recreation system can be maximized through joint planning and consultation with neighboring jurisdictions so as to provide complementary services, achieve the richest variety of recreational experience and avoid duplication of service;

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

Section 1. That the City of Lakewood acknowledges the importance of working jointly with Pierce County jurisdictions in improving and securing the future of Parks and Recreation throughout the County by continuing and enhancing policies of cooperation, coordination and collaboration.

Section 2. That the City endorses the process proposed by the ForeverGreen Project to work toward a collaborative process of planning and decision making in the area of Parks and Recreation and encourages it's staff to participate in a meaningful manner.

Section 3. That it shall be the policy of the City of Lakewood to plan for future parks and recreational facilities in conjunction with surrounding jurisdictions, so that the plans of each will take into consideration the plans of the others with a view toward providing complementary services and avoiding competing or duplicative services.

Section 4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 16th day of April, 2001.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Bill Harrison, Mayor

Attest:

Alice M. Bush, CMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Daniel B. Heid, City Attorney

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