

RESOLUTION R- 4590

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR KING COUNTY PROPOSITION NO. 1, THE AUTOMATED FINGERPRINT IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM (AFIS) LEVY.

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2006, voters in the King County will decide whether to approve King County Proposition No. 1, the AFIS Levy; and

WHEREAS, the AFIS program is a valuable public safety tool that quickly assists criminal justice agencies to fingerprint and identify arrested individuals or suspects of crimes; and

WHEREAS, the primary functions of the AFIS program are to capture fingerprints and palm prints from suspects, to store fingerprints in databases, to search and identify individuals from fingerprints in order to solve crimes by identifying prints left at crime scenes and to share fingerprint and arrest data with other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of AFIS, more crimes with unidentified suspects have been solved; capturing finger and palm prints from every subject booked into jail, storing those fingerprints in an electronic database, and using those prints to match against prints left behind at crime scenes have enabled police detectives to solve many crimes where the detectives have had no known suspects; and

WHEREAS, AFIS has assisted in solving 17,141 crimes without a known suspect based on the evidence of a fingerprint left behind at a crime scene through 2005 and in that same year, 100 percent of inmates at King County jails were fingerprinted for positive identification at time of entry to the jail; AFIS identified 1,058 individuals in 2005 alone who gave false names at the time of arrest and over 300 of those had outstanding warrants for other crimes; and

WHEREAS, the levy rate of \$0.0568 (5.68 cents) per \$1,000 assessed property value is less than the last period's levy rate and will provide enhanced further outreach to suburban communities; and

WHEREAS, the Kirkland Police Department has benefited from the placement and use of AFIS equipment in the Department; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 42.17.130, the City Council of the City of Kirkland desires to show its support for the AFIS levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City Council, after considering testimony at a duly noticed public hearing, hereby supports King County Proposition No. 1, the King County AFIS levy.

Section 2. The City Council hereby urges citizens to vote yes on King County Proposition No. 1, the King County AFIS levy, on September 19, 2006.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 5th day of September, 2006.

Signed in authentication thereof this 5th day of September, 2006.

  
MAYOR

Attest:

  
City Clerk