

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WALLA WALLA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF OPPOSING  
INITIATIVE MEASURE NO. 1033,  
WHICH CONCERNS COUNTY,  
CITY AND STATE REVENUES

RESOLUTION NO. 09 301

**WHEREAS**, Initiative Measure No. 1033 (I-1033) was certified to be placed on the ballot for the general election to be held on November 3, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, I-1033 concerns state, county and city revenue, with the ballot title being "This measure would limit growth of certain state, county and city revenue to annual inflation and population growth, not including voter-approved revenue increases. Revenue collected above the limit would reduce property tax levies."; and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Office of Financial Management projects that the initiative will reduce general fund revenues that support public safety, infrastructure and general government activities by an estimated \$694 million for counties and \$2.1 billion for cities by 2015, and reduce state general fund revenues that support education; social, health and environmental services; and general government activities by an estimated \$5.9 billion by 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears that I-1033 will limit the ability of governments to keep up with the cost of providing necessary services, and negatively impact abilities of counties and cities to make long term commitments in infrastructure (roads, streets, bridges, etc.), economic development, and law enforcement and fire protection, and I-1033 does not allow consideration of the unanticipated costs of natural disasters, unfunded mandates and other emerging public priorities; and

**WHEREAS**, along with our nation, Washington State is experiencing a severe recession, and state and local governments have already instituted drastic budget cuts affecting health care, human services, education, corrections and many other programs that citizens rely upon, especially during hard times.; and

**WHEREAS**, I-1033 proposes limits on the amount of revenue the state, cities and counties can spend from their general funds, and would require property tax reductions if they collected more than an amount tied to inflation and population growth, further reducing resources for cities and counties to provide needed services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners, as the county legislative authority, has continually endeavored to be responsive to the needs of taxpaying citizens and also fiscally conservative and responsible; and


**WHEREAS**, the Walla Walla County Board of Commissioners has considered this matter during an open, public meeting of the Board, and members of the legislative body and the public have been given an approximately equal opportunity to express their views; and

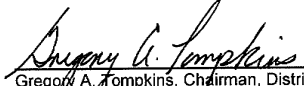
**WHEREAS**, after a careful review of the proposed initiative and its probable effects on Walla Walla County and the county's ability to provide for its citizens, the Board of County Commissioners finds I-1033 would have detrimental impact on the county and its citizens; now therefore

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by this Board of Walla Walla County Commissioners that they do oppose Initiative Measure No. 1033, which would cap annual growth of county, city, and state general funds.


Done this 12th day of October, 2009

Attest:

  
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Connie R. Vinti, Clerk of the Board

  
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Gregory A. Tompkins, Chairman, District 3

  
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Gregg C. Loney, Commissioner, District 1

  
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Perry L. Dozier, Commissioner, District 2

Constituting the Board of County Commissioners  
of Walla Walla County, Washington