

Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District
Dba Key Pen Parks



Resolution No R 2011-05

A RESOLUTION OF KEY PEN PARKS OPPOSING PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL PROPOSAL NUMBER 2011-53s, THE AFFIRMATION OF WHICH BY PIERCE COUNTY VOTERS WOULD AMEND THE PIERCE COUNTY CHARTER BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF COUNTY COUNCIL SEATS FROM 7 TO 5 RESULTING IN AN APPROXIMATE 40% INCREASE OF POPULATION IN THE REMAINING COUNCIL DISTRICTS, THEREBY FURTHER DISENFRANCHISING THE CITIZENS OF THE KEY PENINSULA, THE GIG HARBOR PENINSULA AND OTHER RURAL AREAS OF PIERCE COUNTY.

WHEREAS Pierce County Council Proposal Number 2011-53s would present to the voters of Pierce County an amendment to the Pierce County Charter to reduce the number of County Council Seats from 7 to 5 thereby eliminating County Council Position 7 which represents the citizens of the Key Peninsula and the Gig Harbor Peninsula;

AND WHEREAS reducing the number of County Council Seats from 7 to 5 would increase each remaining County Council District by approximately 45,000 residents thereby further diluting County Council representation for Pierce County citizens who reside on the Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor Peninsula, as well as other rural areas of Pierce County;

AND WHEREAS citizens of the Key Peninsula, Gig Harbor Peninsula, and other rural areas of Pierce County already struggle to have their voices heard and rural issues adequately represented on the Pierce County Council;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of Key Pen Parks is troubled and concerned about further disenfranchisement of the citizenry of the Key Peninsula, Gig Harbor Peninsula and other rural areas of Pierce County by reducing the number of Pierce County Council seats from 7 to 5,

AND WHEREAS Pierce County Council Proposal 2011-53s did not come from the freeholder process of amending the County Charter, which requires extensive public outreach and commentary, and this proposal originating as it does from the Pierce County Council has precluded such similar extensive public comment and outreach;


AND WHEREAS any potential cost saving to Pierce County achieved by eliminating 2 County Council salaries and associated staff would likely be substantially reduced by the additional staff necessitated by an approximate 40% population increase in the remaining County Council Districts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Key Pen Parks to oppose adoption of Pierce County Council Proposal 2011-53s, passage of which would ultimately further disenfranchise the citizens of the Key Peninsula, the Gig Harbor Peninsula and other rural areas of Pierce County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Key Pen Parks at a regular Park Board meeting this 8th day of August, 2011.


Attest:

Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District
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Pierce County, Washington



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