



Memorandum

Date: 10/15/2024
Meeting of: City Council

File No. AM No. 24-162
Type: New Business

TO: Members of the City Council
FROM: Mayor Angela Birney
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TITLE:

This New Business Item is for the Purpose of Considering Passage of a Resolution Opposing Initiative 2066, the Ballot Title of Which is as Follows:

Initiative Measure No. 2066 concerns regulating energy services, including natural gas and electrification.

This measure would repeal or prohibit certain laws and regulations that discourage natural gas use, and/or promote electrification, and require certain utilities and local governments to provide natural gas to eligible customers.

Should this measure be enacted into law? Yes [] No []

1. Resolution No. 1595: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Redmond, Washington, Opposing Initiative Measure No. 2066, Concerning Regulating Energy Services, Including Natural Gas and Electrification

OVERVIEW STATEMENT:

Attachment A contains a resolution opposing Initiative 2066. Should the initiative pass, Redmond programs such as Energy Smart Eastside, the Green Building Incentive Program, and other Environmental Sustainability Action Plan efforts may not be permitted. This item has been brought forward to the Council through the Council Policy Proposal process (see Attachment B). At the Business Meeting on October 15, 2024, there will be a public comment in which members of the legislative body or the public must be allowed an approximate equal opportunity to express opposing views.

Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached

REQUESTED ACTION:

- Receive Information Provide Direction Approve

REQUEST RATIONALE:

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**
Environmental Sustainability Action Plan, Climate Emergency Declaration
- **Required:**
For Council to oppose an initiative, certain requirements must be met, including:
 - The meeting agenda must include the ballot title and the number of the proposition to clearly provide notice to the public.
 - The members of the legislative body or the public must be allowed an approximately equal opportunity to express opposing views. This can be where public comment is allowed at the time where this item is placed on the agenda and anyone with a comment is allowed to speak. Each person providing public comment on the issue is allowed three minutes to speak and the floor is open to whomever wants to comment. Public comment will be taken prior to Council discussion and action on the resolution.
- **Council Request:**
The proposal is a City Council Policy Proposal submitted by Council Vice President Forsythe and sponsored by Council President Kritzer and Councilmember Salahuddin.
- **Other Key Facts:**
Additional information on Initiative 2066 can be found at the State of Washington website <https://leg.wa.gov/House/Committees/OPRGeneral/Documents/2024/Initiative2066Summary.pdf>

OUTCOMES:

N/A

COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**
N/A
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**
N/A
- **Feedback Summary:**
N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Total Cost:

N/A

Approved in current biennial budget: **Yes** **No** **N/A**

Budget Offer Number:

N/A

Budget Priority:

N/A

Other budget impacts or additional costs: Yes No N/A

If yes, explain:

N/A

Funding source(s):

N/A

Budget/Funding Constraints:

N/A

Additional budget details attached

COUNCIL REVIEW:

Previous Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	Item has not been presented to Council	N/A

Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
NA	None proposed at this time	N/A

Time Constraints:

If Council chooses to oppose Initiative 2066, the vote should occur before the November 2024 election.

ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:

N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Resolution

Attachment B: Council Policy Proposal