

Council Policy Proposal

Return this form to Diedra Maher at dmaher@redmond.gov by Wednesday at 5 p.m. the week prior to the Council Study Session. Council Leadership will be alerted there is an item to schedule for consideration at a future Council Talk Time. Attached documentation will be provided to the Clerk for addition to the agenda for all Council Members and the public to review.

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Problem Statement

A clear and concise description of the issue(s) that need(s) to be addressed.

Washington State has placed a ballot measure before the voters, and the official ballot measure title is "Initiative Measure No. 2066 concerns regulating energy services, including natural gas and electrification". Initiative 2066 is scheduled to go to the voters at the Washington General Election on November 5, 2024.

Initiative Measure No. 2066 would prohibit local governments, air pollution control agencies, and the State Building Code Council from prohibiting, penalizing, or discouraging the use of natural gas. Adoption of Initiative Measure No. 2066 would infringe on the City's ability to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals and natural gas reduction strategies identified in the City's Environmental Sustainability Action Plan and K4C Joint Letter of Commitment for Climate Change Actions. Our City Council also has received requests from the public to discuss this initiative and that can only be done should we hold a public hearing on it with approximately equal opportunity to express a supporting or opposing view.

Proposal

The City Council holds a hearing at the October 15th, 2024 business meeting and votes on the attached draft resolution for the council to declare its official position in opposition to I-2066.

RCW 42.17A.555(1) authorizes the Council to take action to express a collective decision, or to actually vote upon a motion, proposal, or ordinance, or to support or oppose a ballot measure so long as (a) the agenda includes the title and number of the ballot proposition, and (b) members of the public and councilmembers are afforded an approximately equal opportunity to express a supporting or opposing view.

Relationship to City Business or Proposed City Business/Services

Passage of I-2066 would severely restrict the city's ability to achieve our climate commitment goals as laid out in our Climate Emergency Declaration, Environmental Sustainability Action Plan, and Community Strategic Plan.

Connection to Strategic Plan. Budget Priorities or other Citywide Plans

Choose all that apply or enter plan name

⊠Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

⊠Environmental Sustainability

☐ Housing Choices

 ☑ Public Safety ☑ Healthy and Sustainable ☑ Safe and Resilient ☑ Vibrant and Connected ☑ Strategic and Responsive ☐ Capital Investment Program 	
Timing	
Requesting placement of this policy proposal on the Oct share the position of the City Council with voters in adva passage of this resolution at our October 15, 2024 Busin	
Supporting Documentation	
See attached document for draft Resolution.	
Councilmember Sponsors (not required)	
Cannot be a quorum unless discussed at an open publ When you submit/email this form to Staff also CC listed	
Council Vice President Jessica Forsythe Sponsoring Councilmember	Council President Vanessa Kritzer Councilmember
	Councilmember Osman Salahuddin Councilmember
Post Action (to be completed by Council Leade	rship)
Referral To ☐ Study Session	☐ Committee of the Whole
☐ Staff Review	☐ Add to Priorities List / Ranking
□ No Action	□ Legal Review

⊠Infrastructure