

**RESOLUTION NO. 124-91**  
**OPPOSITION TO INITIATIVE 559**

WHEREAS, Initiative 559 will:

Be on the statewide ballot in November of 1991; and

Result in drastic changes in the assessed valuation of property and of the rate of property taxes; and

Result in increased tax levies which will make it more difficult to pass excess levies; and,

Attempt to provide tax relief by altering property assessment, rather than the actual tax; and,

Shift more of the tax relief by altering property assessment, rather than the actual tax; and,

Result in a tax break for the owners of higher priced properties by significantly reducing their values; and,

Cause confusion in the assessing of property and collection of tax revenue; and,

Cause counties to spend millions of dollars to implement it; and,

Increase the cost of doing business by shifting the tax burden from some residential to business property; and,

Shift the tax burden from real property to personal property; and,

Create resentment over tax inequities among citizens and neighbors by taxing identical properties differently; and,

Discriminate against first time buyers and existing property owners who move to a new home, by taxing their property at a higher rate; and,

Impair local governments ability to provide police, fire, and other services by decreasing its revenues; and,

Reduce or eliminate services of other junior taxing districts, such as fire, library, and hospital districts, by reducing or removing their tax base; and,

Result in severe cash-flow problems for junior taxing districts during the Spring of 1992 and the increased likelihood of the defeat of some levies and bond issues thereafter; and,

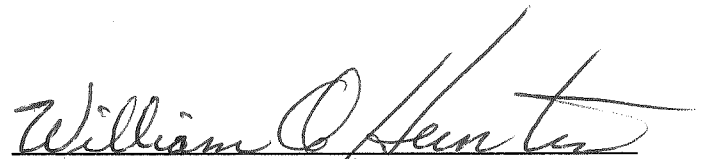
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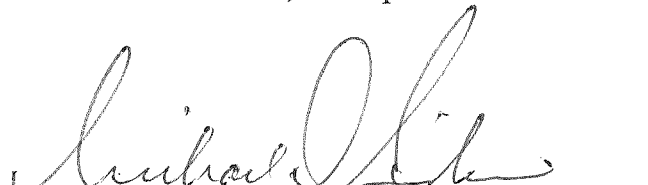
Likely be overturned by the courts on the grounds that it violates the state constitutional requirement that "All taxes shall be uniform upon the same class of property . . . All real estate shall constitute one class."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the undersigned urge citizens of the state of Washington to defeat I-559 on election day.

DATED this 22nd day of October, 1991.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
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