RESOLUTION NO. 1139

CITY OF LACEY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY IN SUPPORT OF THURSTON COUNTY PROPOSITION 1 – SALES AND USE TAX FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PROTECTION, CORRESPONDING PROSECUTION AND PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES AND ELECTIONS SECURITY.

WHEREAS, Thurston County Proposition No. 1 – Sales and Use Tax for Law Enforcement Protection, Corresponding Prosecution and Public Defense Services and Elections Security ("Proposition 1"), will be presented to Thurston County voters at the general election to be held on November 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1 would authorize an additional sales and use tax rate of twotenths of one percent for law enforcement protection, corresponding prosecution and public defense services, and elections security; and

WHEREAS, the Thurston County Sheriff's Office is in need of more law enforcement officers and services to patrol the county and keep the community safe; and

WHEREAS, Thurston County has indicated it would use up to 75% of the additional tax distribution for law enforcement protection, including hiring additional sheriff deputies and associated infrastructure and up to 25% of the distribution would be used for additional prosecution and proportionate public defense services, and elections security infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, ensuring the protection and safety of the residents of Lacey is an essential priority; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1 would have a direct economic and substantive impact on the Lacey community and is of importance and interest to a broad cross-section of Lacey residents; and

WHEREAS, On October 19, 2023, the City Council held a public meeting pursuant to the provisions of RCW 42.17A.555(1), at which meeting members of the public were afforded an equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view of Thurston County Proposition 1 – Sales and Use Tax for Law Enforcement Protection, Corresponding Prosecution and Public Defense Services and Elections Security.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, that the City Council is in support of Thurston County Proposition No. 1 – Sales and Use Tax for Law Enforcement Protection, Corresponding Prosecution and Public Defense Services and Elections Security, and encourages voters to approve this Proposition on November 7, 2023.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, this 19th day of October, 2023.

LACEY CITY COUNCIL

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Attest:

Approved as to form:

City Attorney