

RESOLUTION NO. 834

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE
EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR WASHINGTON STATE SENATE
BILL 5817 WHICH AUTHORIZES COUNTIES AND CITIES TO OPT OUT OF THE
PAYMENT OF SOUND TRANSIT PHASE 3 TAXES**

WHEREAS, the Sound Transit District is comprised of the western portions of Snohomish, King and Pierce Counties; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2016, voters in Snohomish and King Counties approved the \$54 billion Sound Transit Phase 3 tax increase, including increases in property tax, sales tax, and license tab fees; and

WHEREAS, the proposition was rejected in University Place, and overall within Pierce County by more than 55%; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the rejection by Pierce County voters, the substantial population advantage of Seattle-King County meant that measure passed overall within the Sound Transit District; and

WHEREAS, regardless of their opposition to the measure, absent a change in State law, University Place and Pierce County residents will be compelled to pay the taxes that they rejected; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Senate Bill 5817, if adopted, would allow unincorporated Pierce County, University Place and other cities in Pierce County to opt out of paying their portion of the \$54 billion in new Sound Transit taxes which voters in University Place and Pierce County overall rejected;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF UNIVERSITY PLACE,
WASHINGTON, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Incorporation. The recitals are hereby incorporated herein as if set forth in full.
2. Expression of Support. The City Council of the City of University Place hereby expresses its support for Washington State Senate Bill 5817 which authorizes counties and cities to opt out of the payment of Sound Transit Phase 3 taxes.
3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

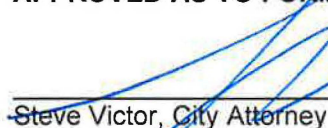
ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON MARCH 20, 2017.


Javier H. Figueroa, Mayor

ATTEST:


Ernelita Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Steve Victor, City Attorney