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March 27, 2013

Regional Policy Committee
King County, Washington

Re: Medic One/EMS 2014 – 2019 Strategic Plan

Dear Committee,

Please find enclosed Resolution 13-337, approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners for Vashon Island Fire & Rescue, in support of the strategic plan developed by the EMS Advisory Task Force.

We believe it to be a thoughtful, thorough result of an inclusive process that brought together the most knowledgeable and experienced stakeholders the region has to offer.

The citizens in our district depend on the vital services this levy provides and this resolution represents our strongest declaration of endorsement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Hank Lipe".

Hank Lipe
Fire Chief

Encl.

HL/sw

**KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #13
dba VASHON ISLAND FIRE & RESCUE
RESOLUTION NO. 13-337**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF VASHON ISLAND FIRE & RESCUE EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR VOTER APPROVAL OF THE COUNTY-WIDE 2014 MEDIC ONE/EMS LEVY TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE VOTERS IN NOVEMBER, 2013.

RECITALS

(a) The highly praised patient and program services of the King County Medic One/EMS system are funded by a county-wide Medic One/EMS levy which will expire at the end of the year 2013; this levy supports ALS and BLS services on Vashon-Maury Island; and

(b) the delivery of emergency medical services is an essential function of the fire and life safety responsibility of local and regional government; and

(c) the internationally recognized countywide tiered Medic One/EMS system in King County provides county residents and visitors essential life-saving services throughout the region regardless of location, incident circumstances, day of the week, or time of day; and

(d) King County is seeking voter authorization of a six-year Medic One/EMS levy of \$0.335 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for the period of 2014-2019; and

(e) The Medic One/EMS Levy supports the valuable and renowned regional King County Medic One/EMS program that has proven success in serving the emergency medical needs of the County and it has been to the benefit of the citizens of the Vashon-Maury Island to support and participate in the county-wide cooperative of delivering Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support services; and

(f) Beginning in October 2011, a region-wide effort through the EMS Levy Task Force, created via King County Ordinance 15862, thoroughly reviewed the future needs of the emergency medical services system and involved the full range of Medic One/EMS stakeholders and King County should continue to exercise leadership and assume responsibility for assuring the consistent, standardized, effective and cost efficient development and provision of emergency services throughout the county; and

(g) The EMS Levy Task Force analysis included the impacts that a specific levy type, length and rate might have on the regional system and taxpayers; and

(h) Through membership on the EMS Levy Task Force, Vashon Island Fire & Rescue significantly participated in these discussions including subcommittee and Task Force meetings throughout the process; and

(i) In July 2012, EMS Advisory Task Force developed strategic plan and consensus around future funding and operational plans for a 2014 – 2019 Medic One/EMS levy and endorsed a six-year, \$0.335 per thousand dollars of assessed value levy proposal and presented the same to the King County Council for review and adoption and

(j) RCW 84.52.069 provides for county-wide emergency medical care and service levies;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF VASHON ISLAND FIRE & RESCUE AS FOLLOWS:

Section I. The Strategic Plan and recommendations of the EMS Levy Task Force are found to be true and correct in all respects and fully supportable by Vashon Island Fire & Rescue.


Section II. Vashon Island Fire & Rescue supports without reservation the proposed six-year, \$0.335 per thousand dollars of assessed value for the county-wide Medic One/EMS Levy for the years 2014 – 2019 (for Medic One) as recommended.


Section III. The Commissioners of Vashon Island Fire & Rescue, by their signatures below, support the proposed six-year \$0.335 per thousand dollars of assessed value county-wide Medic One/EMS Levy for the years 2014-2019 and urge the King County Council to adopt the recommendations of the EMS Levy Task Force and place the proposed six-year levy of \$0.335 on the ballot for authorization by the voters of the County.

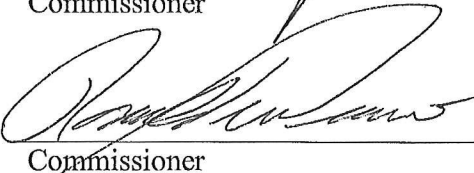
Section IV. The Commissioners hereby ratify, approve and adopt the all of the foregoing as an act and resolution of King County Fire Protection District 13, dba Vashon Island Fire & Rescue:

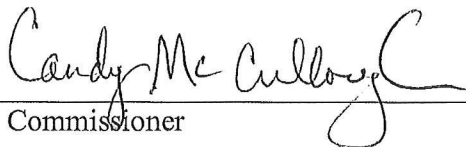
PASSED AND APPROVED this 26 day of March 2013, by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Vashon Island Fire & Rescue.


Board Chair

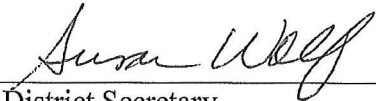

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Attest:


District Secretary