

**RESOLUTION NO. 815**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE LYNDEN CITY COUNCIL IN OPPOSITION TO THE  
REQUEST OF WHATCOM TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (WTA) TO  
INCREASE THE SALES TAX BY 0.2%**

**WHEREAS**, taxpayers are looking for relief from higher costs in this poor economy; and

**WHEREAS**, all city governments are making cuts to basic services and personnel due to a lack of tax funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Whatcom Transportation Authority (WTA) is funded 90% by tax funds; and

**WHEREAS**, WTA currently receives approximately \$960,000 in sales tax dollars from sales within the Lynden community;

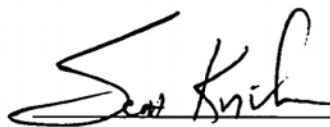
**WHEREAS**, WTA is asking for a 0.2% increase in sales tax without making any cuts in services;

**WHEREAS**, this request is a 33 1/3 % tax rate increase, and

**WHEREAS**, the last time WTA received an increase in sales tax, services within the City of Lynden were actually reduced, rather than maintained;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Lynden City Council to encourage the citizens of Lynden and the surrounding area to vote against the sales tax increase proposed by the Whatcom Transportation Authority.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNDEN, WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON, BY AND AFFIRMATIVE OF VOTE 7 AND 0 AGAINST, ON THIS 16 DAY OF February, 2010 AND SIGNED AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THE SAME DATE.**



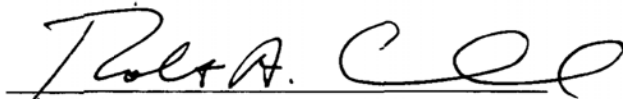
MAYOR SCOTT KORTHUIS

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK WILLIAM VERWOLF

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



CITY ATTORNEY ROBERT CARMICHAEL