

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILL CREEK, WASHINGTON, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR ADEQUATE FUNDING OF THE MUNICIPAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES CENTER.

WHEREAS, for over 80 years, the Municipal Research and Services Center ("MRSC") has provided comprehensive and objective guidance on complex legal and policy issues to local governments in Washington, including the City of Mill Creek; and

WHEREAS, MRSC has been a trusted and dedicated provider to the City of Mill Creek of guidance, analysis, answers, and assistance on a wide variety of legal issues such as public records, purchasing and contracting, governmental operations, statutory information and updates, and financial management and reporting; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mill Creek relies on MRSC for substantive advice, research, legal opinions and information through direct contact with MRSC staff and through MRSC's website; and

WHEREAS, MRSC efficiently provides information and resources to all cities, and thus saves public funds statewide; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mill Creek's use of MRSC resources saves public funds within the City for other uses because MRSC provides research and advice on issues the City of Mill Creek would otherwise need to pay city attorneys or outside counsel to provide, which is more costly and less efficient for many common issues that local governments deal with; and

WHEREAS, the current version of the upcoming State budget proposed by the Washington Senate Ways and Means Committee completely defunds MRSC; and

WHEREAS, defunding MRSC will deprive the City of Mill Creek and many other cities of important, useful, and valuable legal services, and would cause the City of Mill Creek to incur new and increased costs to obtain the same advice and services from city attorneys or outside counsel;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILL CREEK, WASHINGTON, THAT:

Section 1. The City of Mill Creek supports continued full funding of MRSC from the state budget.

Section 2. The City Council authorizes City staff to take action in accordance with this resolution to support full funding of MRSC from the state budget.

Adopted this 8th day of March, 2016 by a vote of 7 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining.

APPROVED:


PAM PRUITT, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


KELLY CHDLIN, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

n/a
SCOTT MISSALL, CITY ATTORNEY

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