

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING)
THE COUNCIL'S INTENT REGARDING)
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT'S)
FUNDING MEASURES TO BE SUBMITTED)
TO THE VOTERS AT THE 1980)
PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS)

RESOLUTION NO. 80-122

Introduced by the
Ways and Means Committee

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Service District's authority to secure program funding support by collecting dues from member jurisdictions is set to expire at the end of FY 1981; and

WHEREAS, The existing serial levy which provides 40 percent of the total Zoo revenues is set to expire at the end of FY 1981; and

WHEREAS, The Council has recognized that the Metropolitan Service District's current dependence on federal and state grants to fund planning activities has the undersirable affect of requiring that program priorities be set by grant availability; and

WHEREAS, The Council has appointed a Finance Task Force to analyze and make recommendations regarding Metro financing options; and

WHEREAS, The Finance Task Force has examined a number of financing options including: serial levy, tax base, surtax on state income tax, federal revenue-sharing, motor vehicle registration and inspection tax, real estate transfer tax, land subdivision and partition tax, cable TV franchise tax, extension of Metropolitan Service District dues assessment authority, and sharing state revenues; and

WHEREAS, The Finance Task Force examined both long-term

revenue sources which would provide growth potential and a stable base for the organization, and short-term revenue sources which would provide an extended interim period of funding for existing levels of services and planning for longer-term goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, The Finance Task Force considered but rejected a proposal to place a serial levy for general Metro activities, including the Zoo, on the Primary election ballot; and

WHEREAS, The Finance Task Force found a need for further program planning through development of a work plan prior to submitting a request for a focal tax measure to support general Metropolitan Service District activities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Council agrees with the report and recommendations of the Finance Task Force.
2. That the Metropolitan Service District should place a ~~serial-levy and capital-funding~~ measure or measures question on the May Primary election ballot to fund Zoo operations, or a measure or measures to fund both Zoo operations and capital development. ~~and development.~~
3. That following development of a work plan and further exploration of other financing options, a question to secure a long-term permanent funding source in the form of a tax base or income tax measure for ~~general~~ Metropolitan Service District activities, ~~including the Zoo,~~ may be placed on the November General

election ballot.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service

District this 24th day of January, 1980.

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