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Tri-City Regional Chamber Board of Directors votes to support Initiative 1053

Tri-Cities, WA - The Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors have voted to support Initiative 1053, a measure requiring a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to raise taxes. Board members approved the vote May 19th during the monthly Board of Directors meeting.

"Taxes and increased costs on business are the top issue of concern for our members right now," said Tri-City Regional Chamber Vice President Colin Hastings. Hastings continued, "The 2010 fall elections will undoubtedly be about the impact of taxes on families and businesses. Early projections for next year's budget already show a deficit in the neighborhood of \$5 Billion. Without passage of this measure, next year's legislative session will likely result in higher taxes for businesses and the citizens of Washington State."

Voters approved the requirement in 2007's Initiative 960, but the Legislature suspended it during this year's legislative session, and promptly approved more than \$800 million in new and increased taxes. The Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce believes the two-thirds majority requirement is an important tool for controlling the state spending.

The Tri-City Regional Chamber is urging its members to support I-1053, sign petitions to get it on the ballot before the July 2 deadline and vote for it in the November general election. Petition forms are available at the Chamber office for signing. For more information contact the Chamber at 509.736.0510, or for further details go to www.tricityregionalchamber.com.

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