

RESOLUTION No. 309

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING BALLOT MEASURES CONCERNING VICTIMS RIGHTS, THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE IN A CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, AND THE PROHIBITION AGAINST THE EXCLUSION OF EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL CASES

WHEREAS, the Governor's Special Commission Against Violent Crime is considering three proposals to amend the Constitution would operate to:

- A. Prevent exclusion of evidence in a criminal trial if the U.S. Constitution would allow admissibility,
- B. Modify the right of the prosecution in matters of cross examination, peremptory challenges, evidence of prior crimes and impeachment, and
- C. Establish a "Victims Bill of Rights," insuring victims rights to restitution, appearance at trial, participation in sentencing and parole, security from repeat offenders, maintenance of, and assurance of trial on, separate charges and offenses, and

WHEREAS, the Council observes that the trend in the criminal laws of the State has become overly protective of the rights of defendants at the expense of public safety, reflected by a shift in the criminal laws away from common-sense justice and toward overly technical rules which protect the guilty; and,

IT APPEARING that the reforms established by the ballot measures are in the interest of the public,

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Council of the City of Stayton commends the above mentioned ballot measures to citizens and endorses these measures to the Governor's Special Commission Against Violent Crimes.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF June, 1983.

Signed by the Mayor this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1983.

Henry A. Porter  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Ellen Vandenberg  
City Administrator