

# *Easy Citizen Involvement*

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## **It's Unanimous!**

### **King County Council passes Initiative 24 with a 9 to 0 vote: New citizen-outreach program set for 2008**

Seattle – In a 9 to 0 vote, the King County Council today passed Initiative 24 -- the 'Easy Citizen Involvement Initiative -- and to make the new public forum program a reality in King County. Dick Spady, co-founder of *Dick's Drive-In Restaurants* and campaign chairman for Initiative 24, praised the council members for their unanimous support, and said that he looks forward to supporting the new citizens' program in the coming year.

During the hearing, council members in-turn praised Dick Spady, Dick's Drive-In Restaurants, and the Spady family for their financial commitment to fund the first two years of the citizens' program and for providing the citizens of King County with the opportunity to have an expanded public hearing effort without new taxes.

Jim Spady, campaign manager for I-24, said that today's hearing and comments by council members were "overwhelmingly positive." "Today's unanimous vote reflects the positive view and belief that this citizens' outreach program can help increase participation in our public hearing process," Spady said.

Today's passage of I-24 caps a decades-long quest by Dick Spady to expand the public hearing process and make it easier for average citizens to talk to local government officials and to provide important input. "I have spent the past 40 years talking to whomever would listen about the promise of this program to help make our public hearing process more user-friendly," said Spady, "I'm now 83 years old, and this is such a thrill for me to finally see this citizens' program become law."

Spady offered his gratitude to many and added, "I want to thank the 80,000 voters that signed the I-24 petition and our many supporters through the years. I especially want to thank the generations of Dick's Drive-In customers that keep coming each and everyday and who make life in the burger business such a joy."

For more information, call campaign manager Jim Spady at 206-949-8484 or visit [www.EasyCitizenInvolvement.com](http://www.EasyCitizenInvolvement.com)

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