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### **Councilmember Somers Introduces Motion Continuing Implementation of I-747**

In response to Thursday's state Supreme Court ruling nullifying Initiative 747, the property tax-limiting measure approved by voters in 2001, County Councilmember Dave Somers introduced a motion today reaffirming that the county will continue to abide by the limits set forth in the initiative.

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Initiative 747 limited the total increase in local and state property tax collections to 1 percent each year unless additional increases were approved by the voters. With I-747 ruled unconstitutional, the county now could increase collections to the previously established limit of 6 percent. County Council approval of Somers' motion, however, would keep the annual limit at 1 percent.

"The voters sent a very clear message with their approval of I-747, and constitutional or not, it's important that we continue to listen," said Somers.

The council is scheduled to take action on the proposed motion Monday, November 19 during their Administrative Session.

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