



## Legislation Text

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A resolution endorsing Issue 4 to encourage the residents of Franklin County to support the renewing of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities Levy.

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities, (FCBDD) is responsible for providing community based services to children and adults with developmental disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the FCBDD provides life-long quality services to individuals and supports families who have relatives that participate in children and adult programs - this includes preschools, employment services, Special Olympics, needed therapies, service care coordination, supported living programs, transportation, services to senior citizens with developmental disabilities and more; and

**WHEREAS**, in many instances aging parents in their 60s, 70s and 80s, lack the ability to provide the independent care that is needed for their developmentally disabled sons and daughters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has taken great efforts to be responsive to the community's needs - specifically by working to balance the reality of its financial resources by implementing a long term strategic planning process; and

**WHEREAS**, if current trends continue, the enrollment is expected to increase at a rate of approximately 3% each year - this is due to a number of factors including: improvements in medical technology, greater longevity, increased awareness, an enhanced community need, population growth and other reasons; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board also provides funding to a number of organizations including: Nationwide Children's Hospital, Goodwill Columbus, the Nisonger Center at The Ohio State University, Easter Seals, Catholic Social Services, the Columbus Jewish Center, the Childhood League, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board is proposing to renew a 3.5 mill levy which will expire in 2018 - it will have an unchanged millage amount of 3.5 mills, which means no new taxes, now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby endorse **Issue 4** which will renew the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities levy - this Council also encourages the residents of Franklin County to support the renewing of this levy for the good of the community.