

# News Release



**Ilene Shapiro – Summit County Executive**  
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## **Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro and Summit County Council Support Summit Developmental Disabilities Levy Renewal**

On Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, County Executive Shapiro and County Council passed legislation supporting County Issue 3, which will approve the upcoming renewal levy for the County of Summit Developmental Disabilities (Summit DD).

The Summit DD renewal levy (County Issue 3) is critical to continuing quality developmental disabilities programs and services to thousands in Summit County. The levy, which is not a new tax, will continue for the next six years at a rate of 4.50 mills for each dollar of property valuation, which equates to a total monthly cost of \$11.48 for an owner of a \$100,000 home. The tax has remained unchanged since 2007 even as the Summit DD Board generates \$15 million less in revenue than it did in 2007.

“County Issue 3 is critical to the quality of life in our community,” said Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro. “This renewal will support the more than 4,700 Summit County adults and children with developmental disabilities who depend on this funding for resources and programs that enable them to lead impactful lives.”

County Issue 3 will be submitted to voters in the November 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 general election. The adoption of the legislation signals a continuation of the County Executive’s and County Council’s strong support for the developmentally disabled in Summit County as well as overall quality of life issues.

“This levy is not just about the individuals with developmental disabilities, it is about their families, too,” said Council President John Schmidt. “Supporting our neighbors and friends as they continue to lead productive lives is paramount to our duties as elected leaders. All residents of Summit County should remember that this is not a new tax”

For more information please visit:

<http://www.summitdd.org/blog/summit-dd-seeks-to-renew-operating-levy/>

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