



**CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST**

**TO:** Tacoma City Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Victoria Woodards and Chief Policy Analyst Bucoda Warren  
**COPIES TO:** Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager; Bill Fosbre, City Attorney  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1 submitted by Tacoma Public Schools on the February 13, 2024, ballot, to fund Neighborhood School Improvements and Safety Upgrades; and encouraging residents to vote "Approved" on Proposition No. 1 on the February 13, 2024, ballot. - Requested for December 12, 2023.  
**DATE:** December 5, 2023

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**I ask for your support for a Resolution expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1 submitted by Tacoma Public Schools on the February 13, 2024, ballot, to fund Neighborhood School Improvements and Safety Upgrades; and encouraging residents to vote "Approved" on Proposition No. 1 on the February 13, 2024, ballot. - Requested for December 12, 2023.**

**LEGISLATIVE INTENT:**

**Resolution/Ordinance Request:**

At its meeting of October 26, 2023, the Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors unanimously adopted Resolution 2130 authorizing the submission to District voters, at an election to be held on February 13, 2024, of a proposition for the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide funds for capital improvements to facilities in an amount not to exceed \$650,000,000.

Proposition 1 is a \$650 million Neighborhood School Improvements and Safety Upgrades bond measure, maturing over a maximum of 25 years, that makes needed improvements to nearly every school so they last longer and save money in the long run.

RCW 42.17A.555, according to the state Public Disclosure Commission, allows elected boards, councils and commissions to "express a collective decision, or to actually vote upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance, or to support or oppose a ballot proposition so long as (a) any required notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition, and (b) members of the legislative body, members of the board, council, or commission of the special purpose district, or members of the public are afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view.

If Proposition 1 is approved by voters, the increased cost to the average Tacoma homeowner would be \$7.53 per month or \$90 a year (comparing the average home values and tax rates of the last 5 years to the next 5 years).

DESIRED RESOLUTION DATE: December 12, 2023

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ (CUSTOMER RESEARCH):**

Working with Tacoma Public Schools through the Joint Municipal Action Committee and other venues we have worked to align priorities and continue to invest in policies and programs Tacoma residents need. Engaging in various programs, initiatives, and public services often brings us together to increase the impact we have on the community. We also share many goals including Safe Routes to Schools, Vision Zero, livability, health, and safety which are guided by Tacoma 2025 and our Council priorities. Proposition No. 1 will support priorities identified by our community.

**2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

**Equity and Accessibility:**

The measure invests in our local economy, creating good paying family wage jobs here in Tacoma, with a District commitment to hiring local companies and women and minority owned businesses.

**Economy/Workforce:** *Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity*

Increase the number of Tacoma households that have livable wage jobs within proximity to the city.

**Education:** *Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity*

Demonstrate community support for education by increasing support for school levies and bonds; volunteering and mentoring youth.

**Civic Engagement:** *Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity*

Increase the number of residents who participate civically through volunteering and voting. Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

**Livability:** *Equity Index Score: Moderate Opportunity*

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s)?

This funding will support safety upgrades and infrastructure improvements necessary to ensure our schools will thrive for many years to come. This legislation indicates support for the Proposition and will improve civic engagement by bringing more public support in front of the residents and giving them more reason to trust in the City. Additionally, the project itself creates more jobs close to home and ensures people view their schools and community favorably.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Alternative	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts
1.Do not pass resolution	There will be no increases in costs to taxpayers	Council would not share public support for school improvements and safety upgrades
2.Pass resolution	would endorse voter support of Proposition 1 Neighborhood School Improvements and Safety Upgrades.	There will be some increase in costs to tax payers

**EVALUATIONS AND FOLLOW UP:**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would indicate success of this resolution. If the Proposition passes, then City staff will have multiple points of contact and coordination with Tacoma Public Schools to understand the impact of the improvements.

**SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

We recommend the adoption of this resolution to express support for Tacoma Public Schools proposition No. 1 on the February 13, 2024, ballot.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**


There is no fiscal impact to the City of Tacoma in passing this resolution.

**If you have a question related to the Council Contingency Fund Request, please contact Chief Policy Analyst Bucoda Warren at 253-318-0594 or [bwarren@cityoftacoma.org](mailto:bwarren@cityoftacoma.org).**

**SUBMITTED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION BY Mayor Victoria Woodards.**

**SUPPORTING COUNCIL MEMBERS SIGNATURES**

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2.  \_\_\_\_\_ POS# 8