



## RESOLUTION NO. 40890

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS HUNTER  
2 AND USHKA

3 A RESOLUTION expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1,  
4 submitted by Tacoma School District No. 10 at the February 8, 2022,  
5 Special Election, for replacement of an expiring levy for educational  
6 programs and operations; and urging Tacoma voters to vote "Approved"  
7 on Proposition No. 1 on the February 8, 2022, Special Election ballot.

8 WHEREAS Tacoma School District No. 10, Pierce County, Washington  
9 ("District") provides educational services to the children of the District, and

10 WHEREAS the Constitution of the State of Washington requires that the  
11 state provide funds for basic education for such students, and

12 WHEREAS the state is able to provide only a portion of the amount required  
13 to fund these services for the District, and

14 WHEREAS the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington require  
15 that a proposition to levy excess taxes to meet funding needs of a School District  
16 must be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for the ratification or  
17 rejection, and

18 WHEREAS, for the past four years, the District has had in effect a  
19 maintenance and operations levy which is set to expire in 2022, and

20 WHEREAS, on October 28, 2021, the Board of Directors ("Board") adopted  
21 Resolution No. 2099, authorizing an education programs and operations levy, and

22 WHEREAS, if approved, Proposition No. 1 would continue to fund  
23 approximately 500 staff, including teachers, nurses, counselors, librarians, and  
24 paraeducators, and  
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1 WHEREAS Proposition No. 1 would provide continued funding for  
2 textbooks and instructional materials and vital services, such as special needs  
3 programs, pre-school and after-school funding, programs for high-achieving  
4 students and college credit-level courses for all students, and

5 WHEREAS Proposition No. 1 would also continue funding for upgrades to  
6 deteriorating plumbing, heating, and ventilation systems that maintain clean air  
7 and safe water, and improvements to school safety, security, and fire alarm  
8 systems and 911 communications, and

9 WHEREAS, if Proposition No. 1 passes, the average four-year tax rate for  
10 Tacoma Public Schools is projected to decrease due to rising property values, and  
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12 WHEREAS passage of this proposition would authorize the District to levy  
13 up to \$79.8 million on average annually, from 2023-2026, on all taxable property  
14 within the District, subject to applicable limits, and

15 WHEREAS the success of Tacoma's schools is dependent upon its  
16 residents; Now, Therefore,  
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18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

19 Section 1. That the City Council hereby expresses its support for the  
20 passage of Proposition No. 1 submitted by Tacoma School District No. 10 at the  
21 February 8, 2022, Special Election, for the purposes hereinabove enumerated.  
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23 Section 2. That the City Council urges Tacoma voters to vote "Approved"  
24 on Proposition No. 1 on the February 8, 2022, Special Election ballot,  
25 substantially in the form of the ballot title as follows:  
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**TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

**SPECIAL ELECTION – PROPOSITION NO. 1**

**REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY**

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 2099 concerning educational funding. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to pay educational program and operations expenses in addition to the State’s statutory program of basic education:

<u>Collection Years</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2023	\$1.92	\$77,500,000
2024	\$1.92	\$79,000,000
2025	\$1.92	\$80,500,000
2026	\$1.91	\$82,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2099. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes...[ ]

No ...[ ]

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney